



Trade in Services

LIBERIA

SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

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I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS (APPLICABLE TO ALL SECTORS INCLUDED TO THIS SCHEDULE)			
<p>Land ownership</p> <p>Subsidies, investment incentives and other state support measures</p> <p>Commercial presence</p> <p>Movement of natural persons providing services</p>	<p>(4) Unbound, except for measures concerning the entry and temporary stay of natural persons in the following categories:</p> <p>- <u>Business Visitors</u> Persons not based in the Republic of Liberia and receiving no remuneration from a source located within the Republic of Liberia, who are representatives of a business carrying on activities in a WTO member and who are seeking temporary entry into the Republic of Liberia for the purpose of negotiating for the sale of the services of that business, entering into agreements to sell services for that</p>	<p>Foreigners have the right to lease only, but not to own land in the Republic of Liberia.</p> <p>(1), (2), (3), (4) Unbound with respect to subsidies, investment incentives, and other state support measures, eligibility for which may be limited to particular regions, categories of persons, or enterprises.</p> <p>(3) Foreign firms may be required to train and upgrade the technical and management skills of local employees.</p> <p>(3) Tax measures, generally pertaining to small and medium enterprises may result in a difference of treatment in favour of Liberian services and service suppliers. Tax incentives favouring Liberian nationals may apply.</p> <p>(4) Unbound, except for measures concerning the categories of personnel indicated in the market access column.</p>	

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	<p>business, participating in business meetings or preparing for the establishment of a commercial presence, where those representatives will not be engaged in making direct sales to the general public.</p> <p>Entry for Business Visitors is limited to 90 days in any 12 months, with an option to renew. The residence permit is limited to a one-year period and renewable annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Intra-Corporate Transferees (ICTs)</u> People who have been employed by their firm for a period of not less than one year and who seek temporary entry in order to render services to the same employer or a branch or a subsidiary of affiliates of that employer, and, who are one of the following: - <u>Managers</u> Persons within an organization who primarily direct the organization, or a department or sub-division of the organization, supervise and control the work of other supervisory, professional or managerial employees, have the authority to hire and fire or recommend hiring and firing, or other personnel actions (such as promotion or leave authorization), and exercise discretionary authority over day-to-day operations. Does not include first line supervisors, unless the employees supervised are professionals, nor does it include employees who primarily perform tasks necessary for the provision of the service. - <u>Executives</u> Persons within the organization, who primarily direct the management of the 		

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	<p>organization, establish the goals and policies of the organization or a major component or function of the organization, exercise wide latitude in decision-making, and receive only general supervision or direction from higher-level executives, the board of directors, or stockholders of the business. Executives would not directly perform tasks related to the actual provision of a service or services of the organization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialists Persons within an organization who possess knowledge at an advanced level of continued expertise and who possess proprietary knowledge of the organization's services, research, techniques, or management. Specialists may include, but are not limited to, members of licensed professions. <p>Entry for ICTs is limited to 90 days in any 12 months, with an option to apply for a change of status (resident status) after the expiration of the 90-day period. The residence permit shall allow stay for a minimum of three years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contractual Service Suppliers (CSSs) Persons who are employees of an enterprise engaged in substantive business in the Republic of Liberia without having a commercial presence in the Republic of Liberia who provide a service as a professional of a service sector pursuant to a contract between the enterprise and a client in the Republic of Liberia, and who have been employed by this enterprise for a period of at least one year prior to their entry into the Republic of Liberia. 		

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	<p>Entry for CSSs is limited to 90 days in any 12 months, with an option to apply for a change of status (resident status) after the expiration of the 90-day period. The residence permit shall allow stay for a minimum of three years.</p> <p>Labour market tests are applied to determine whether there are any Liberian nationals who are suitably qualified and available for performing the functions of persons in the abovementioned categories of intra-corporate transferees.¹</p> <p>The process of acquiring a work permit includes the verification of professional qualification and/experience.</p> <p>Work permits are required for all categories of natural persons.</p> <p>Under concession agreements, quotas are applied on natural persons.</p>		

¹ The labour market test will be satisfied by publishing a vacancy announcement in a mass-media outlet for 30 days and notifying the Government of Liberia. Permission for intra-corporate transferee shall be granted after these procedures have been completed unless the company has identified a local candidate who meets its needs.

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II. SECTOR-SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS			
1. BUSINESS SERVICES			
A. Professional services			
(a) Legal services, excluding: - Participation in legal proceedings in the capacity of defenders or representatives of their clients before the courts of the Republic of Liberia; - Legal documentation and certification services of the laws of the Republic of Liberia (part of CPC 861)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
(b) Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services (CPC 862)	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except foreign firms that are not members of the LICPA are required to have an LICPA member firm as a partner. The profit share of a foreign non-LICPA partner is limited to 65%. If the LICPA Act of 5 April 2011 is amended to allow a foreign non-LICPA partnership share to exceed 65%, such higher percentage will automatically become the limitation for foreign non-LICPA partnership share. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except foreign firms that are not members of the LICPA are required to have an LICPA member firm as a partner. The profit share of a foreign non-LICPA partner is limited to 65%. If the LICPA Act of 5 April 2011 is amended to allow a foreign non-LICPA partnership share to exceed 65%, such higher percentage will automatically become the limitation for foreign non-LICPA partnership share. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
(c) Taxation Services (CPC 863)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
(d) Architectural services (CPC 8671)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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(e) Engineering services (CPC 8672)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
(f) Integrated engineering services (CPC 8673)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
(h) Medical and Dental Services (CPC 9312)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	Reciprocity condition applies in granting licence to non-Liberians. This applies to all countries which do accord equal licensing rights to Liberian nationals.
(i) Veterinary Services (CPC 932)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
(j) Services provided by midwives, nurses, physiotherapists and para-medical personnel (CPC 93191)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	Reciprocity condition applies in granting licence to non-Liberians. This applies to all countries which do accord equal licensing rights to Liberian nationals.
B. Computer and related services			
Computer and related services (CPC 84)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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C. Research and development services			
(a) R&D services on natural sciences (CPC 851) (b) R&D services on social sciences and humanities (CPC 852) (c) Interdisciplinary R&D services (CPC 853)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
D. Real estate services			
(a) Involving own or leased property (CPC 821) (b) On a fee or contract basis (CPC 822)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
F. Other business services			
(a) Advertising services: - Planning, creating and placement services of advertising (CPC 8712) (b) Market research and public opinion polling services (CPC 864) (c) Management consulting services (CPC 865) (h) Services incidental to mining: - liquefaction and regasification of natural gas for transportation - derrick erection, repair and dismantling services and related services incidental to oil and gas extraction - services necessary for oil or gas extraction such as well casing cementing, pumping, plugging and abandoning of wells - specialized fire extinguishing services (i) Services incidental to manufacturing (CPC 884)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. (1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. (1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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(n) Maintenance & repair of equipment (not including maritime vessels, aircrafts or other transport equipment) (CPC 633 + 8861-8866) (t) Other - Translation and interpretation services (CPC 87905)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
B. Courier services			
Limited to the collection, sorting, transport, and delivery of documents, printed matter, parcels, goods, other items on an expedited basis; provided that the transport originates or terminates outside the territory of the Republic of Liberia (and is not intra-country) (CPC 7512)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
C. Telecommunication services			
Commitments hereunder are taken consistent with "Notes for Scheduling Basic Telecom Services Commitments" (S/GBT/W/2/Rev.1) and "Market Access Limitations on Spectrum Availability" (S/GBT/W/3).			
Basic telecommunication services:			
(a) Voice telephone services (b) Packet-switched data transmission services (c) Circuit-switched data transmission services (d) Telex services (e) Telegraph services (f) Facsimile services (g) Private leased circuit services (o) Other - Digital cellular services - Paging services - PCS (personal communication services) - TRS (trunked radio system) services - Mobile data services	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	The Republic of Liberia undertakes the obligations contained in the Reference Paper attached hereto.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IAS (Internet access services) - VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) services connected to the PSTN (Public switched telephone network) 			
Value added services:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h) Electronic mail (i) Voice mail (j) On-line information and data base retrieval (k) Electronic data interchange (l) Enhanced/Value-added facsimile services including store and forward, store and retrieve (m) Code and protocol conversion (n) On-line information and/or data processing (including transaction processing) (o) Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-line data base and remote computing services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	
D. Audiovisual services			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Motion picture and home video entertainment (including video tapes and digitally encoded video) distribution services (CPC 96113**) (excluding broadcasting on television and for projection by informal pop-up cinema, i.e., cinema screenings without a fixed location) (b) Motion picture projection services (excluding broadcasting on television and excluding projection by informal pop-up cinema) (CPC 9612) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	

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3. CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES			
A. General construction work for buildings (CPC 512)	(1) Unbound (2) None	(1) Unbound (2) None	
B. General construction work for civil engineering (CPC 513)	(3) None	(3) None	
C. Installation and assembly work (CPC 514+516)	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
D. Building completion and finishing work (CPC 517)			
4. DISTRIBUTION SERVICES			
A. Commission's agents services (CPC 621)			
Excluding the sale of:	(1) None	(1) None	
- Specialised retail products n.e.c.(part of CPC 63109) (rice)	(2) None	(2) None	
- Retail sales of pharmaceutical, medical and orthopaedic goods (part of CPC 63211) (pharmaceutical goods) ²	(3) None, but joint venture with a Liberian national is encouraged.	(3) None	
- Retail sales of articles of clothing, articles of fur and clothing accessories (part of CPC 63222) (used clothing, articles of fur, clothing accessories and footwear)	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
- Retail sales of construction materials n.e.c. part of (CPC 63245) (sand, timber, planks and cement)			
- Ice			
- Diesel and gasoline			
- Diamonds			
- Liberian produced goods sold in the Republic of Liberia			
- Used cars. This exclusion does not apply to authorized dealerships who may deal in certified used vehicles of their make.			

² For the purposes of this schedule, pharmaceutical goods do not include non-pharmaceutical nutritional supplements in a tablet, capsule, or powdered form.

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B. Wholesale trade services (CPC 622)			
<p>Excluding:</p> <p>Importation and sale of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wholesale trade services of motor vehicles (part of CPC 61111) (used cars). This exclusion does not apply to authorized dealerships who may deal in certified used vehicles of their make. <p>Sale of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diesel and gasoline - Sand (part of CPC 62275) - Ice - Wholesale trade services of articles of clothing, footwear and clothing accessories part of (CPC 62233, 62235, 62236) (used clothes) - Diamonds - Liberian produced goods sold in the Republic of Liberia <p>For:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part of wholesale trade in services of grain, oilseeds and oleaginous fruits, seeds and animal feed (CPC 62211) (poultry feed) - Part of wholesale trade of construction materials (CPC 62275) (stone and granite) - Part of wholesale trade in services of pharmaceutical and medical goods (CPC 62251) (pharmaceutical goods) 	<p>(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p> <p>(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None, except for foreign enterprises, the minimum capital requirement is US\$ 500,000. Where the enterprise is a partnership between Liberians and non-Liberians, the minimum capital requirement is US\$ 300,000 provided that the aggregate shareholding of the Liberians is at least 25%. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	<p>(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p> <p>(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None, except for foreign enterprises, the minimum capital requirement is US\$ 500,000. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	

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<p>C. Retailing services (CPC 631 and 632)</p> <p>Excluding: Importation and sale of: - Part of retail sales of motor vehicles (CPC 61112) (used cars). This exclusion does not apply to authorized dealerships who may deal in certified used vehicles of their make.</p> <p>Sale of: Specialised retail products n.e.c. (CPC 63109+) (rice) Retail sales of pharmaceutical, medical and orthopaedic goods (CPC 63211+) (pharmaceutical goods) Retail sales of articles of clothing, articles of fur and clothing accessories (CPC 63222+) (used clothing, articles of fur, clothing accessories and footwear) Part of retail sales of construction materials n.e.c. (CPC 63245+) (sand, timber, planks and cement) - Ice - Diesel and gasoline - Diamonds - Liberian produced goods sold in the Republic of Liberia</p>	<p>(1) None (2) None (3) None, but joint venture with a Liberian national is encouraged. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	<p>(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	

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For: - Poultry feed - Retail sales of construction materials n.e.c. (part of CPC 63245) (stone and granite) Retail sale of pharmaceutical, medical goods and orthopaedic goods (part of CPC 63211) (pharmaceutical goods)	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) For foreign enterprises, the minimum capital requirement is US\$ 500,000. Where the enterprise is a partnership between Liberians and non-Liberians, the minimum capital requirement is US\$ 300,000 provided that the aggregate shareholding of the Liberians is at least 25%. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
D. Franchising (CPC 8929)			
This commitment cannot be used to circumvent restrictions under other parts of Distribution Services of this list of commitments	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
5. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (privately funded educational services)			
A. Primary education services (CPC 921) B. Secondary education services (CPC 922) C. Higher education services (CPC 923) D. Adult education (CPC 924) E. Other education services (CPC 929)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES			
A. Sewage services (CPC 9401) B. Refuse disposal services (CPC 9402) C. Sanitation and similar services (CPC 9403) D. Other	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments (Particularly, for garbage collectors, the Government of Liberia requires them to be only Liberians).	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments (Particularly, for garbage collectors, the Government of Liberia requires them to be only Liberians).	

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7. FINANCIAL SERVICES			
A. All insurance and insurance-related services			
(a) Life, accident and health insurance services (b) Non-life insurance services (c) Reinsurance and retrocession (d) Services auxiliary to insurance (including broking and agency services)	(1) Unbound, except none for insuring property of foreign nationals as well as insurance of risks relating to maritime shipping and commercial aviation and space launching and freight (including satellites), with such insurance to cover any or all of the following: the goods being transported, the vehicles transporting the goods and any liability arising therefrom, and goods in international transit. (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) Unbound, except none for insuring property of foreign nationals as well as insurance of risks relating to maritime shipping and commercial aviation and space launching and freight (including satellites), with such insurance to cover any or all of the following: the goods being transported, the vehicles transporting the goods and any liability arising therefrom, and goods in international transit. (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Residency requirements on the board of directors.	
B. Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)			
(a) Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public (b) Lending of all types, including, inter alia, consumer credit, mortgage credit, factoring and financing of commercial transaction (c) Financial leasing (d) All payment and money transmission services (e) Guarantees and commitments (f) Trading for own account or for account of customers, whether on an exchange, in an over-the-counter market or otherwise, the following: - Money market instruments (cheques, bills, certificate of deposits, etc.) - Foreign exchange - Derivative products including, but not limited to, futures and options	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange rate and interest rate instruments, including products such as swaps, forward rate agreements, etc. - Transferable securities - Other negotiable instruments and financial assets, including bullion (g) Participation in issues of all kinds of securities, including under-writing and placement as agent (whether publicly or privately) and provision of service related to such issues (h) Money broking (i) Asset management, all forms of collective investment management, pension fund management, custodial depository and trust services (j) Settlement and clearing services for financial assets, including securities, derivative products, and other negotiable instruments (k) Advisory and other auxiliary financial services on all the activities listed in Article 1B of MTN.TNC/W/50, including credit reference and analysis, investment and portfolio research and advice, advice on acquisitions and on corporate restructuring and strategy (l) Provision and transfer of financial information, and financial data processing and related software by providers of other financial services 			

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8. HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES (privately funded health and social services)			
A. Hospital services (CPC 9311)	(1) None (2) None	(1) None (2) None	
B. Other human health services (CPC 9319)	(3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
C. Social services (CPC 933)			
9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES			
A. Hotels			
- Hotels of three stars and above only) (part of CPC 641)	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal commitments.	
- Other lodging services (CPC 64191, 64192, 64193, 64194, 64196, 64199)	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None, except foreign investors are required to have minimum capital of US\$ 150,000. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
- Camping and caravanning services (CPC 64195)	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None, except foreign investors are required to enter into a joint venture with a Liberian national or a firm. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Foreign natural persons are limited to 10% of staff.	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
- Restaurants (excluding catering) (part of CPC 642)	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None, except foreign investors are required to have minimum capital of US\$ 100,000. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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B. TRAVEL AGENCIES AND TOUR OPERATORS SERVICES			
- Tour operators, excluding airline ticket issuance services (part of CPC 7471)	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except foreign investors are required to partner with or enter a joint venture with a Liberian natural or juridical person. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
10. RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audiovisual services)			
A. Entertainment services, except entertainment centres not connected with a hotel establishment (CPC 9619) B. News agency services (CPC 962) C. Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural services (CPC 963) D. Sporting and other recreational services (CPC 964) (For gambling and betting services (CPC 96492) the venues are restricted to four / five star hotels/resorts)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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11. TRANSPORT SERVICES			
A. Maritime transport services			
International maritime transport - Passenger and freight (CPC 7211, 7212) except cabotage transport	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except the authorization/permit requirement, licensing (qualification and experience) requirement, and nationality requirement set by the Liberia Maritime Authority and the Ministry of Transport. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except the authorization/permit requirement, licensing (qualification and experience) requirement, and nationality requirement set by the Liberia Maritime Authority and the Ministry of Transport. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	The following services at the port are made available to international maritime transport suppliers on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pilotage 2. Towing and the tug assistance 3. Provisioning, fuelling and watering 4. Garbage collecting and ballast waste disposal 5. Port captain's services 6. Navigation aids 7. Shore-based operational services essential to ship operations including communications, water and electrical supplies 8. Emergency repair facilities 9. Anchorage, berth and berthing
B. Internal waterways transport			
	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except the licensing (qualification and experience) requirement, and nationality requirement set by the Liberia Maritime Authority and the Ministry of Transport. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except the licensing (qualification and experience) requirement, and nationality requirement set by the Liberia Maritime Authority and the Ministry of Transport. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

Modes of supply: (1) Cross-Border supply (2) Consumption abroad (3) Commercial Presence (4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on market access	Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
F. Road transport services			
(a) Passenger transportation, except taxi services (b) Freight transportation (c) Rental of commercial vehicles with operator (d) Maintenance and repair of road transport equipment (e) Supporting services for road transport services	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except for freight transportation, where for foreign enterprises, the minimum capital requirement is US\$ 500,000; and if the enterprise is a partnership between Liberians and non-Liberians, the minimum capital requirement is US\$ 300,000 provided that the aggregate shareholding of the Liberians is at least 25%; and except the authorization requirements from the Ministry of Transport. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except the authorization/permit requirement, licensing (qualification and experience) requirement, and nationality requirement set by the Ministry of Transport. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
H. Services auxiliary to all modes of transport			
(a) Cargo-handling services (CPC 741) (b) Storage and warehouse services (CPC 742) (c) Freight transport agency services (CPC 748)	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except the authorization/permit requirement, licensing (qualification and experience) requirement, and nationality requirement set by the Ministry of Transport. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except the authorization/permit requirement, licensing (qualification and experience) requirement, and nationality requirement set by the Ministry of Transport. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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Scope

The following are definitions and principles on the regulatory framework for the basic telecommunications services.

Definitions

Users mean service consumers and service suppliers.

Essential facilities mean facilities of a public telecommunications transport network or service that:

- (a) are exclusively or predominantly provided by a single or limited number of suppliers; and,
- (b) cannot feasibly be economically or technically substituted in order to provide a service.

A major supplier is a supplier which has the ability to materially affect the terms of participation (having regard to price and supply) in the relevant market for basic telecommunications services as a result of:

- (a) control over essential facilities; or,
- (b) use of its position in the market.

1. Competitive safeguards

1.1 Prevention of anti-competitive practices in telecommunications

Appropriate measures shall be maintained for the purpose of preventing suppliers who, alone or together, are a major supplier from engaging in or continuing anti-competitive practices.

1.2 Safeguards

The anti-competitive practices referred to above shall include in particular:

- (a) engaging in anti-competitive cross-subsidization;
- (b) using information obtained from competitors with anti-competitive results; and,
- (c) not making available to other services suppliers on a timely basis technical information about essential facilities and commercially relevant information which are necessary for them to provide services.

2. Interconnection

2.1 This section applies to linking with suppliers providing public telecommunications transport networks or services in order to allow the users of one supplier to communicate with users of another supplier and to access services provided by another supplier, where specific commitments are undertaken.

2.2 Interconnection to be ensured

Interconnection with a major supplier will be ensured at any technically feasible point in the network. Such interconnection is provided:

- (a) under non-discriminatory terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and rates and of a quality no less favourable than that provided for its own like services or for like services of non-affiliated service suppliers or for its subsidiaries or other affiliates;
- (b) in a timely fashion, on terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and cost-oriented rates that are transparent, reasonable, having regard to economic feasibility, and sufficiently unbundled so that the supplier need not pay for network components or facilities that it does not require for the service to be provided; and,
- (c) upon request, at points in addition to the network termination points offered to the majority of users, subject to charges that reflect the cost of construction of necessary additional facilities.

- 2.3 Public availability of the procedures for interconnection negotiations
The procedures applicable for interconnection to a major supplier will be made publicly available.
- 2.4 Transparency of interconnection arrangements
It is ensured that a major supplier will make publicly available either its interconnection agreements or a reference interconnection offer.
- 2.5 Interconnection: dispute settlement
A service supplier requesting interconnection with a major supplier will have recourse, either:
- (a) at any time; or,
 - (b) after a reasonable period of time which has been made publicly known to an independent domestic body, which may be a regulatory body as referred to in paragraph 5 below, to resolve disputes regarding appropriate terms, conditions and rates for interconnection within a reasonable period of time, to the extent that these have not been established previously.
3. Universal service
Any Member has the right to define the kind of universal service obligation it wishes to maintain. Such obligations will not be regarded as anti-competitive *per se*, provided they are administered in a transparent, non-discriminatory and competitively neutral manner and are not more burdensome than necessary for the kind of universal service defined by the Member.
4. Public availability of licensing criteria
Where a licence is required, the following will be made publicly available:
- (a) all the licensing criteria and the period of time normally required to reach a decision concerning an application for a licence; and
 - (b) the terms and conditions of individual licenses.
- The reasons for the denial of a licence will be made known to the applicant upon request.
5. Independent regulators
The regulatory body is separate from, and not accountable to, any supplier of basic telecommunications services. The decisions of and the procedures used by regulators shall be impartial with respect to all market participants.
6. Allocation and use of scarce resources
Any procedures for the allocation and use of scarce resources, including frequencies, numbers and rights of way, will be carried out in an objective, timely, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The current state of allocated frequency bands will be made publicly available, but detailed identification of frequencies allocated for specific government uses is not required.
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