

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III.3 OF THE  
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES**

The following notification has been received from the delegation of the Japan.

**1. Member notifying:**

Japan

**2. Notification under:**

Article III, paragraph 3, of the General Agreement on Trade in Services.

**3. Date of entry into force:**

22 January 1998

**Duration**

Indefinite

**4. Agency responsible for implementation and enforcement of the measures:**

Ministry of Justice

**5. Description of the measures:**

According to the revision of the Ministerial Ordinance to Provide for Criteria pursuant to Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 2 of the Immigration-Control and Refugee-Recognition Act, the maximum period (5 years) of stay under the status of residence "Intra-company Transferee" was abolished.

**Affected commitments:**

"Unbound except for measures concerning the entry and temporary stay of a natural person who falls in one of the following categories:

- (a) A natural person who has been employed by a juridical person of a Member other than Japan for a period not less than one year immediately preceding the date of his application for the entry and temporary stay in Japan, and who is being transferred, for a period not exceeding 5 years, to a branch office or a juridical person constituted or registered in Japan owned or controlled by the aforementioned juridical person of a

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Member other than Japan, provided that he will be engaged in one of the following activities: (i) Activities to direct a branch office as its head; (ii) Activities to direct a juridical person as its board member or auditor; (iii) Activities to direct one or more departments or a juridical person; (iv) Activities which require technology and/or knowledge at an advanced level pertinent to physical sciences, engineering or other natural sciences; and (v) Activities which require knowledge at an advanced level pertinent to jurisprudence, economics, business management, accounting or other humanities sciences.

- (b) A natural person who has been employed by a juridical person of a Member other than Japan or has been a partner in it for a period not less than one year immediately preceding the date of his application for the entry and temporary stay in Japan, and who is being transferred to Japan, for a period not exceeding 5 years and who will return to the aforementioned juridical person of a Member other than Japan upon the expiration of the said period, provided that he will be engaged in one of the following activities of professional services which may be engaged only as a natural person and not as an employee: (i) Legal services supplied by a lawyer qualified as “Bengoshi” under Japanese law; (ii) Consultancy on law of jurisdiction where the service supplier is a qualified lawyer; (iii) Legal services supplied by a patent attorney qualified as “Benrishi” under Japanese law; (iv) Legal services supplied by a maritime procedure agent qualified as “Kaijidairishi” under Japanese law; (v) Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services supplied by an accountant qualified as “Koninkaikeishi” under Japanese law; and (vi) Taxation services supplied by a tax accountant qualified as “Zeirishi” under Japanese law” in mode 4 of the column of limitation on market access in sector “ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE”.

**6. Members specifically affected, if any:**

None

**7. The texts are available from:**

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