

**PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF HONG KONG, CHINA**

Notification from Hong Kong, China under Article XXIV:6(a)

The following notification from the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office was received on 17 January 2000, with the request that it be circulated to the Parties to the Agreement on Government Procurement (1994). In accordance with Article XXIV:6(a), any Party with an objection to the proposed changes is invited to notify the Secretariat within 30 days from the date of issue of this document.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Pursuant to paragraph 6(a) of Article XXIV of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (1994) (the "Agreement"), Hong Kong, China hereby notifies the Committee on Government Procurement of the following modifications to Annex 1 of Appendix I of the Agreement:

- (a) delete "Agriculture and Fisheries Department"; and
- (b) add "Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department".

2. The above modifications are necessary as "Agriculture and Fisheries Department" was renamed as "Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department" on 1 January 2000. Such modifications do not alter the level of mutually agreed coverage provided in this Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> Article XXIV:6(a) provides that "if the rectifications, transfers or other modifications are of a purely formal or minor nature, they shall become effective provided there is no objection within 30 days. In other cases, the Chairman of the Committee shall promptly convene a meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall consider the proposal and any claim for compensatory adjustments, with a view to maintaining a balance of rights and obligations and a comparable level of mutually agreed coverage provided in this Agreement prior to such notification. In the event of agreement not being reached, the matter may be pursued in accordance with the provisions contained in Article XXII".