# ANNEX III SCHEDULE OF KOREA WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL SERVICES

# Introductory Note for the Schedule of Korea

- 1. The Schedule of Korea to this Annex sets out:
  - (a) headnotes that limit or clarify the commitments of Korea with respect to the obligations described in subparagraph (b)(i) through (v) and in subparagraph (c);
  - (b) in Section A, pursuant to Article 8.9.1(Non-Conforming Measures), the existing measures of Korea that do not conform with some or all of the obligations imposed by:
    - (i) Article 8.2 (National Treatment);
    - (ii) Article 8.3 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment);
    - (iii) Article 8.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions);
    - (iv) Article 8.5 (Cross-Border Trade); or
    - (v) Article 8.8 (Senior Management and Boards of Directors), and
  - (c) in Section B, pursuant to Article 8.9.2 (Non-Conforming Measures), the specific sectors, sub-sectors, or activities for which Korea may maintain existing, or adopt new or more restrictive, measures that do not conform with the obligations imposed by:
    - (i) Article 8.2 (National Treatment);
    - (ii) Article 8.3 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment);
    - (iii) Article 8.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions);
    - (iv) Article 8.5 (Cross-Border Trade); or
    - (v) Article 8.8 (Senior Management and Boards of Directors).
- 2. Each entry in Section A sets out the following elements:
  - (a) **Sector** refers to the general sector for which the entry is made;
  - (b) **Sub-sector** refers to the specific sector for which the entry is made;
  - (c) **Obligations Concerned** specifies the article(s) referred to in paragraph 1(b) that, pursuant to Article 8.9.1(a), do not apply to the non-conforming aspects of the law, regulation, or other measure, as set out in paragraph 4;
  - (d) Level of Government indicates the level of government maintaining the

scheduled measure(s);

- (e) **Measures** identifies the laws, regulations, or other measures for which the entry is made. A measure cited in the **Measures** element:
  - (i) means the measure as amended, continued or renewed as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement; and
  - (ii) includes any subordinate measure adopted or maintained under the authority of and consistent with the measure; and
- (f) **Description** provides a general, non-binding description of the measure for which the entry is made.
- 3. Each entry in Section B sets out the following elements:
  - (a) **Sector** refers to the general sector for which the entry is made;
  - (b) **Sub-sector** refers to the specific sector for which the entry is made;
  - (c) **Obligations Concerned** specifies the article(s) referred to in paragraph 1(c) that, pursuant to Article 8.9.2, do not apply to the sectors, sub-sectors, or activities scheduled in the entry;
  - (d) **Level of Government** indicates the level of government maintaining the listed measure(s); and
  - (e) **Description** sets out the scope of the sectors, sub-sectors, or activities covered by the entry.
- 4. For entries in Section A, in accordance with Article 8.9.1(a), and subject to Article 8.9.1(c), the articles of this Agreement specified in the **Obligations Concerned** element of an entry do not apply to the non-conforming aspects of the law, regulation, or other measure identified in the **Measures** element of that entry, except to the extent that such non-conforming aspects are inconsistent with a Specific Commitment in Annex 8-B.
- 5. For entries in Section B, in accordance with Article 8.9.2, the articles of this Agreement specified in the **Obligations Concerned** element of an entry do not apply to the sectors, sub-sectors, and activities identified in the **Description** element of that entry.
- 6. Where Korea maintains a measure that requires that a service supplier be a citizen, permanent resident, or resident of its territory as a condition to the supply of a service in its territory, a Schedule entry for that measure taken with respect to Article 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, or 8.5 shall operate as a Schedule entry with respect to Article 11.3 (National Treatment), 11.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment), or 11.9 (Performance Requirements) to the extent of that measure.
- 7. Certain measures that the Parties consider to be not inconsistent with Article 8.2 or 8.4 or subject to Article 8.10.1 are listed below.
- 8. An entry in Annex I or Annex II specifying that Article 7.2 (National Treatment) does not apply to the non-conforming aspects of a law, regulation, or other measure, shall not be construed as limiting a Party's obligation under Article 8.5.1 to accord national

treatment with respect to the supply of services specified in Annex 8-A to cross-border financial service suppliers of the other Party.

## Certain Measures Not Inconsistent With Article 8.2 or 8.4 or Subject to Article 8.10.1

- 1. The following measures are not inconsistent with Article 8.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions). Any revision, amendment or modification of the following measures or related laws will not be construed to be inconsistent with Article 8.4 to the extent that it does not conflict with the spirit of the original measure:
  - (a) an insurance company constituted in Korea may engage only in activities permitted by the relevant laws. (*Insurance Business Act* (Law No. 10394, July 23, 2010) Articles 10 and 11 and *Enforcement Decree of the Insurance Business Act* (Presidential Decree No. 22637, January 24, 2011), Articles 15 and 16);
  - (b) residents of Korea are not permitted to settle payment in KRW (Korean won) for cross-border financial services supplied to them by residents of foreign countries. (*Foreign Exchange Transaction Regulation* (Notification of the Ministry of Strategy and Finance No. 2009-18, September 30, 2009), Articles 5-11 and 7-8 to 7-10);
  - (c) banks and mutual savings banks in Korea are required to extend loans to small- or medium-sized companies. (*Bank of Korea's Regulations on Credit Extension* (Monetary Policy Committee, August 19, 1999), Article 2; *Mutual Savings Bank Act* (Law No. 8143, December 30, 2006), Article 11; and *Enforcement Decree of the Mutual Savings Bank Act* (Presidential Decree No.19464, May 3, 2006), Article 8-2);
  - (d) the overall net open position of foreign exchange banks, measured by the sum of the net short position or the sum of the net long positions, whichever is greater (short-hand method), is limited to 50 percent of the total equity capital at the end of the previous month (*Foreign Exchange Transaction Act* (Law No. 9351, January 30, 2009), Article 11-2; and *Foreign Exchange Transaction Regulation* (Notification of the Ministry of Strategy and Finance No. 2009-18, September 30, 2009), Article 2-9);
  - (e) securities credit extensions are subject to restrictions on the maximum credit amount and use of proceeds. An investment trader or investment broker is only permitted to extend credit for purpose related to the sale and purchase of securities. (Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law No. 9407, February 3, 2009), Article 72; and Enforcement Decree of the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Presidential Decree No. 21291, February 3, 2009), Article 69);
  - (f) the value of lending to an individual credit card holder may be capped. (Specialized Credit Financing Business Act (Law No. 7929, April 28, 2006) Article 24);
  - (g) a bank, financial investment business entity or other financial institution constituted in Korea may only engage in activities permitted by the relevant laws. (Banking Act (Law No. 7428, March 31, 2005), Articles 27 and 28; Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law No. 9407, February 3 2009), Articles 40 and 41; Enforcement Decree of the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Presidential Decree No. 21291, February 3, 2009), Articles 43 and 44);

- (h) a financial institution is prohibited from acquiring real estate for non-business purpose. (*Banking Act* (Law No. 7428, March 31, 2005), Article 38; and *Insurance Business Act* (Law No. 8902, March 14, 2008), Article 105;
- (i) non-residents of Korea may convert foreign currency into KRW (Korean won) only for actual use in Korea. (*Foreign Exchange Transaction Regulations* (Notification of the Ministry of Strategy and Finance No. 2009-18, September 30, 2009), Articles 7-8 to 7-10 and Articles 7-36 to 7-39); and
- (j) Korea may restrict deposit interest rates, loan interest rates, other interest rates, maturity of deposit and related fees. (*Banking Act* (Law No. 7428, March 31, 2005), Article 30; *Regulation on Financial Institutions' Loans and Deposit Rates* (Monetary Policy Committee, December 24, 2003); *Lending Business Act* (Law No. 7523, May 31, 2005), Article 8 and Article 15; *Enforcement Decree of Lending Business Act* (Presidential Decree No. 19019, August 31, 2005), and Article 5 and Article 9).
- 2. The following measures fall within Article 8.10.1 (Exceptions) and, therefore, Article 8.2 (National Treatment) does not prevent Korea from maintaining them. Any revision, amendment or modification of the following measures or related laws will also fall within the ambit of Article 8.10.1:
  - (a) the operating fund of a branch of a foreign insurance company will be considered as capital and the head office's capital will not be taken into consideration for purposes of determining the amount of funds to be raised or loans to be extended by such local branch (*Insurance Business Act* (Law No. 8902, March 14, 2008), Article 9-3);
  - (b) a branch in Korea of a foreign insurance company must maintain in the territory of Korea assets equal to the aggregate of the reserve for performance of liability and the reserve for emergency relating to the insurance contracts executed in Korea (*Insurance Business Act* (Law No. 8902, March 14, 2008), Article 75).

#### Headnotes

- 1. Commitments in these sub-sectors under the Agreement are undertaken subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in these headnotes and in the Schedules below.
- 2. To clarify the commitment of Korea with respect to Article 8.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions), juridical persons supplying financial services and constituted under the laws of Korea are subject to non-discriminatory limitations on juridical form<sup>1</sup>.
- 3. The commitments of Korea under Articles 8.2 (National Treatment) and 8.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions) are subject to the limitation that in order to establish or acquire a controlling interest in a financial institution in Korea, a foreign investor must own or control a financial institution that engages in supplying financial services within the same financial services sub-sector in its home country.
- 4. Korea limits its commitments under Article 8.9.1(c) with respect to Article 8.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions) in the following manner: Article 8.9.1(c) shall apply only to non-conforming measures relating to Article 8.4(a) and not to those non-conforming measures relating to Article 8.4(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For example, partnerships and sole proprietorship are generally not acceptable juridical forms for depository financial institutions in Korea. This headnote is not itself intended to affect, or otherwise limit, a choice by a financial institution of the other Party between branches or subsidiaries.

## Section A

**Sector:** Financial Services

**Sub-Sector:** Insurance

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 8.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Insurance Business Act (Law No. 7971, August 29, 2006),

Article 91

Enforcement Decree of the Insurance Business Act (Presidential Decree No. 19493, May 30, 2006), Article 40

**Description:** Only two employees of a commercial bank, mutual saving

bank, or an investment trader or investment broker may sell

insurance products at any one time at a single location.

For transparency purposes, Korea notes that it restricts the manner of sales of insurance products such as the number of windows in a single bank location devoted to the sale of insurance, and limitations on the percentage of insurance sold

by a bank that may be underwritten by a single insurer.

**Sub-Sector:** Insurance

**Obligations Concerned:** Cross-Border Trade (Article 8.5)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Automobile Accident Compensation Assurance Act (Law No.

7100, January 20, 2004)

Act on the Indemnification for Fire-Caused Loss and the Purchase of Insurance Policies (Law No. 7186, March 11,

2004)

High-Pressure Gas Safety Control Act (Law No. 7504, May

26, 2005)

Safety Control and Business Regulation of Liquefied

Petroleum Gas Act (Law No. 7428, March 31, 2005)

Urban Gas Business Act (Law No. 7505, May 26, 2005)

Seafarers Act (Law No. 8041, October 4, 2006)

Installation and Utilization of Sports Facilities Act (Law No.

7913, March 24, 2006)

Excursion Ship and Ferry Business Act (Law No. 7985,

September 22, 2006)

Manufacture and Management of Elevators Act (Law No.

7279, December 31, 2004)

Water-Related Leisure Activities Safety Act (Law No. 8016,

September 27, 2006)

Juvenile Activity Promotion Act (Law No. 8014, September

27, 2006)

Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage Guarantee Act (Law

No. 7002, December 11, 2003)

Air Transport Business Promotion Act (Law No. 6621,

January 19, 2002)

Road Traffic Act (Law No. 7969, July 19, 2006)

Act on Contracts to Which the State is a Party (Law No. 8050,

October 4, 2006)

Protection of Wild Fauna and Flora Act (Law No. 8045,

October 4, 2006)

Trucking Transport Business Act (Law No. 8138, December 30, 2006)

Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance Act (Law No. 7796, December 29, 2005)

Construction Technology Management Act (Law No. 7305, December 31, 2004)

Nuclear Damage Compensation Act (Law No. 7188, March 11, 2004)

Goods Distribution Promotion Act (Law No. 8014, September 27, 2006)

Social Welfare Services Act (Law No. 7918, March 24, 2006)

Fishing Boats for Anglers Act (Law No. 7642, July 29, 2005)

Electronic Finance Transaction Act (Law No. 7929, April 28, 2006)

Digital Signature Act (Law No. 7813, December 30, 2005)

Attorney-at-Law Act (Law No. 7894, March 24, 2006)

Laboratory Safety Environment Act (Law No. 7425, March 31, 2005)

**Description:** 

In determining whether a natural person resident in Korea or juridical persons established in Korea has satisfied a legal obligation to purchase "compulsory" insurance services not listed in Annex 8-A, any such service supplied in the territory of a foreign country to such person is not considered.

However services supplied outside the territory of Korea may be considered in satisfaction of the legal obligation if the required insurance cannot be purchased from an insurer established in Korea.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 8.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Description:** 

Measures: Banking Act (Law No. 7428, March 31, 2005), Articles 15

and 16-2

Enforcement Decree of the Banking Act (Presidential Decree

No. 19422, March 29, 2006), Article 5 and Annex

Financial Holding Company Act (Law No. 7529, May 31, 2005), Articles 8 and 8-2

Enforcement Decree of the Financial Holding Company Act
(Presidential Decree No. 19422, March 29, 2006), Article 6.3

(Presidential Decree No. 19422, March 29, 2006), Article 6-3

1. A financial institution constituted under the laws of another country may own more than 10 percent of the shares of a commercial bank or bank holding company constituted under the laws of Korea only if that institution is an "internationally recognised financial institution.<sup>2</sup>"

# 2. For the purposes of transparency:

- (a) the Financial Services Commission applies additional criteria for approval that are not inconsistent with this Agreement to approval of ownership by an internationally recognised financial institution as described in paragraph 1.
- (b) a natural person may not own more than 10 percent of the shares of a commercial bank or bank holding company constituted under the laws of Korea.
- (c) a corporate entity other than a financial institution, the main business of which is not financial services, may not own more than four percent of the shares of a commercial bank or bank holding company constituted under the laws of Korea. The ownership percentage can be increased to 10 percent if the corporate entity waives its ability to exercise voting rights relating to the shares in excess of four percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An "internationally recognised financial institution" includes any financial institution that has been rated by an international rating organisation at a level acceptable to the relevant Korean regulator or a financial institution that has demonstrated by alternative means acceptable to the relevant Korean regulator that it has an equivalent status.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 8.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Banking Act (Law No. 7428, March 31, 2005), Article 58

Guideline on Grant of Banking Business Approval (July 23,

2004), Paragraph 17-B

Regulation on Supervision of Banking Business (Financial Supervisory Committee Notification No. 2006-87, December

28, 2006), Article 10

**Description:** Each branch location in Korea of a bank constituted under the

laws of another country requires a separate license. Each branch located in Korea of a bank constituted under the laws of another country requires a separate license. A branch of a banking subsidiary, including one owned or controlled by investors of another country, does not require such a license.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 8.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law

No. 9407, February 3, 2009), Articles 373, 375, 379 and 386

Description: Only the Korea Exchange may operate a securities or

derivatives market in Korea.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 8.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law

No. 9407, February 3, 2009), Articles 294 through 323 and

166

**Description:** Only the Korea Securities Depository may serve as the

depository for listed and unlisted securities issued in Korea or as the intermediary for transfer of those securities between

accounts of depositors in Korea.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 8.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law

No. 9407, February 3, 2009), Articles 298, 378 and 166

Enforcement Decree of the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Presidential Decree No. 21291,

February 3, 2009), Article 178

Description: Only the Korea Securities Depository and the Korea

Exchange may perform liquidation and settlement of securities and derivatives listed or traded on the Korea

Exchange.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Cross-Border Trade (Article 8.5)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law

No. 9407, February 3, 2009), Article 166

Enforcement Decree of the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Presidential Decree No. 21291,

February 3, 2009), Article 184

**Description:** A non-professional investor (including some professional

investors<sup>3</sup>) shall make transactions through an investment broker licensed in Korea when he/she intends to trade securities denominated in foreign currencies and exchangetraded derivatives on foreign securities markets or foreign

derivatives markets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Institutional investors pursuant to Article 1-2 of the *Foreign Exchange Transaction Regulation* (Notification of the Ministry of Strategy and Finance No. 2009-2, February 3, 2009) are excluded.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 8.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Banking Act (Law No. 7428, March 31, 2005), Articles 62

and 63

Enforcement Decree of the Banking Act (Presidential Decree

No. 19422, March 29, 2006), Articles 25 and 26

Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law

No. 9407, February 3, 2009), Article 65

Enforcement Decree of the Financial Investment Services and

Capital Markets Act (Presidential Decree No. 21291,

February 3, 2009), Article 65

Description: A branch in Korea of a bank or a financial investment

business entity constituted under the laws of another country must bring and maintain operating funds within Korea, which shall be used for the purposes of determining the amount of funds to be raised or loans to be extended by such local

branch.

For the purposes of the *Banking Act* and the *Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act*, such a branch is considered a separate legal entity from the bank or the financial investment business entity constituted under the

laws of another country.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 8.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Credit Unions Act (Law No. 8145, December 30, 2006),

Article 7

Mutual Savings Bank Act (Law No. 8143, December 30,

2006), Article 6

Specialized Credit Financing Business Act (Law No. 7929,

April 28, 2006), Article 5

Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law

No. 9407, February 3, 2009), Article 355

Use and Protection of Credit Information Act (Law No. 7883,

March 24, 2006), Article 5

Foreign Exchange Transaction Act (Law No. 8050, October

4, 2006), Article 9

Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law

No. 9407, February 3, 2009), Articles 254, 258 and 263

**Description:** The following types of business may not be conducted by a

branch of a financial institution constituted under the laws of

another country:

(a) credit unions;

(b) mutual savings banks;

(c) specialised capital finance companies;

(d) foreign and won currency capital brokerage firms;

(e) credit information companies;

(f) general fund administration firms;

(g) collective investment vehicle appraisal

companies; and

(h) bond appraisal companies.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 8.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Electronic Finance Transaction Act (Law No. 7929, April 28,

2006), Article 30

Description: A non-financial institution that seeks to offer certain

electronic financial services in Korea may establish only as a

subsidiary.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 8.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Korea Development Bank Act (Law No. 9703, May 21, 2009)

Korea Finance Corporation Act (Law No. 9741, May 27,

2009)

Industrial Bank of Korea Act (Law No. 9460, February 6,

2009)

Korea Housing Finance Corporation Act (Law No. 7882,

March 24, 2006)

Agricultural Cooperative Federation Act (Law No. 7638,

July 29, 2005)

National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives Act (Law No.

7611, July 21, 2005)

**Description:** Korea may grant:

(a) to one or more of the following financial institutions <sup>4</sup> (collectively, Government-sponsored Institutions or GSIs):

- (i) the Korea Development Bank;
- (ii) the Industrial Bank of Korea;
- (iii) the Korea Housing Finance Corporation;
- (iv) the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation; and
- (v) the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives
- (b) special treatment, including but not limited to the following:
  - (i) guarantees of loans to or bonds issued by the GSIs;
  - (ii) permission to issue more bonds per capital than similarly-situated non-GSIs;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> These five Government-sponsored Institutions shall not be considered state-enterprises/state-owned enterprises for the purposes of Article 4(Competitive Neutrality) of Chapter 14(Competition Policy).

- (iii) reimbursement of losses incurred by GSIs; or
- (iv) exemption from public assets and certain taxes on capital, surplus, profit, or assets.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Senior Management and Boards of Directors (Article 8.8)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Korea Housing Finance Corporation Act (Law No. 7882,

March 24, 2006), Article 16

Agricultural Cooperative Federation Act (Law No. 7638,

July 29, 2005), Article 49

National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives Act (Law No.

7611, July 21, 2005), Article 51

**Description:** Chief and deputy executive officers and all members of the

Board of Directors of the Korea Housing Finance Corporation, the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation and the National Federation of Fisheries

Cooperatives must be Korean nationals.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 8.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Housing Act (Law No. 8050, October 4, 2006), Article 75

Rules on Provision of Housing (Ordinance of the Ministry of Land, Transportation and Maritime Affairs No. 168,

September 28, 2009); paragraph 2 of Article 5

Description: Korea may limit the number of financial institutions

designated to hold housing accounts, such as the National

Housing Subscription Deposit Accounts.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding

insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 8.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Foreign Exchange Transaction Act (Law No. 8050, October

4, 2006), Article 9

**Description**: Interbank Brokerage of KRW (Korean won) spot transactions

is limited to the two existing brokerage companies in the

business.

## **Section B**

**Sector:** Financial Services

**Sub-Sector:** Insurance

**Obligations Concerned:** Cross-Border Trade (Article 8.5)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: None

**Description:** Korea reserves the right not to consider any "compulsory"

third party insurance service supplied in the territory of a foreign country to a natural person in Korea or juridical person established therein, in determining whether such natural or juridical person has satisfied a legal obligation to purchase such "compulsory" third party insurance service not

listed in Annex 8-A.

However, services supplied outside the territory of Korea may be considered in satisfaction of the legal obligation if the required insurance cannot be purchased from an insurer

established in Korea.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 8.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: None

Description: In the context of privatising government-owned or

government-controlled entities that supply financial services, Korea reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure relating to the continued guarantee, or time-limited additional guarantee, of the obligations and liabilities of these entities.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 8.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Law

No. 9407, February 3, 2009)

Description: Korea reserves the right to limit ownership by foreign

investors of the Korea Exchange and the Korea Securities Depository. In the event of public offering of shares of the Korea Exchange or the Korea Securities Depository, Korea reserves the right to limit shareholding by foreign persons in the relevant institution, provided that Korea shall ensure that:

(a) any shareholding interests held by foreign persons at the time of the public offering shall be preserved; and

(b) following the public offering, the Exchange or Depository shall assure access for financial institutions of Australia.