

CHAPTER 8 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

ARTICLE 8.1: OBJECTIVES

1. The Parties recognize their interest in further expanding bilateral participation in each Party's government procurement market.
2. The Parties recognize their shared interest in promoting international liberalization of government procurement markets in the context of the rules-based international trading system.

ARTICLE 8.2: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The provisions of the *Annex to the WTO Protocol Amending the GPA* (hereinafter referred to as the "revised GPA") and the coverage schedules committed by each Party thereto, are incorporated and made part of this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*.
2. For the purposes of promoting consistency with the revised GPA, should further amendments be made to the revised GPA, those amendments to which both Parties are party shall be incorporated in this Agreement, except as agreed by the Parties pursuant to the amendment procedure referred to in Article 22.2. (Amendments).
3. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to derogate from either Party's rights or obligations under the revised GPA.

ARTICLE 8.3: TRANSPARENCY

Summary Notice

1. For the purposes of this Chapter, regarding covered procurement, each Party, including its procuring entities, shall use English as the language for publishing the summary notice for each case of intended procurement. The notice shall contain at least the following information:
 - (a) the subject matter of the procurement;
 - (b) the final date for the submission of tenders or, where applicable, any final date for the submission of requests for participation in the procurement or for inclusion on a multi-use list; and
 - (c) the address from which documents related to the procurement may be requested

Tendering Procedures

2. If, in tendering procedures regarding covered procurement, a procuring entity allows tenders to be submitted in several languages, one of those languages shall be English.

ARTICLE 8.4: FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS

If, after the entry into force of this Agreement, a Party accords to a non-party greater access to its government procurement market than the access that is accorded to the other Party, that Party may, at the request of the other Party, enter into negotiations regarding the extension of the same access to the other Party on a reciprocal basis.

ARTICLE 8.5: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

1. Recognizing the ongoing work of the WTO Committee on Government Procurement, the Parties shall endeavor to cooperate in pursuing issues of mutual interest.

2. The Parties hereby establish a Committee on Government Procurement, which shall meet as mutually agreed to address matters including:

- (a) monitoring the implementation of this Chapter;
- (b) facilitating cooperation to increase mutual understanding of each Party's government procurement system;
- (c) exchanging relevant information;
- (d) exploring market access expansion; and
- (e) any other matter related to the operation of this Chapter.

3. For the purposes of paragraph 2, each Party hereby designates the following as its enquiry point to facilitate communication between the Parties on any matter regarding government procurement:

- (a) for Korea, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy or its successor; and
- (b) for Israel, Foreign Trade Administration, Ministry of Economy and Industry or its successor.