

Fifth Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services

Done at Geneva on 27 February 1998

Entry into force:²⁵² 1 March 1999²⁵³

Text: WTO Treaty Series No. 15, [WTO BISD 1998 Vol. 4/9](#), [WT/Let/215](#), [WT/Let/221](#),²⁵⁴ [WT/Let/223](#),²⁵⁵ [S/L/45](#)

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Relevant clauses

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1. A Schedule of Specific Commitments and a List of Exemptions from Article II concerning financial services annexed to this Protocol relating to a Member shall, upon the entry into force of this Protocol for that Member, replace the financial services sections of the Schedule of Specific Commitments and the List of Article II Exemptions of that Member.
2. This Protocol shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by the Members concerned until 29 January 1999.
3. This Protocol shall enter into force on the 30th day following the date of its acceptance by all Members concerned. If by 30 January 1999 it has not been accepted by all Members concerned, those Members which have accepted it before that date may, within a period of 30 days thereafter, decide on its entry into force.
4. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO. The Director-General of the WTO shall promptly furnish to each Member of the WTO a certified copy of this Protocol and notifications of acceptances thereof pursuant to paragraph 3.

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Acceptances

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Australia	3 May 1999	3 May 1999	WT/Let/299
Austria	22 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288

²⁵² On 15 February 1999, the Members that had accepted the Protocol before 30 January 1999 decided that the Protocol should enter into force on 1 March 1999, and requested the Council for Trade in Services to decide that, in order to allow for acceptance of the Protocol by Members which had not yet accepted, the Protocol shall be open for acceptance until 15 July 1999 ([S/L/67](#)). On 15 February 1999, the Council for Trade in Services decided that the Protocol shall be open for acceptance until 15 June 1999. It was also decided that for Members that had accepted the Protocol after 29 January 1999, the Protocol should enter into force upon acceptance, or on 1 March 1999 if that was later than the date of acceptance ([S/L/68](#)).

²⁵³ See [WT/Let/288](#).

²⁵⁴ A typographical error in the authentic text of the Fifth Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services was rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 21 May 1998. The rectification concerned an error in the numbering on page 3 (Spanish version): paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 ([WT/Let/216](#); [WT/Let/221](#)).

²⁵⁵ Typographical errors in the authentic text of the Fifth Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services were rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 27 May 1998. The rectifications concerned errors in the schedules of specific commitments of Israel, Nigeria and, Switzerland ([WT/Let/217](#); [WT/Let/223](#)).

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Bahrain, Kingdom of	5 Jun 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/224 WT/Let/288
Belgium	25 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Bolivia, Plurinational State of ²⁵⁶	5 Dec 2002	5 Dec 2002	WT/Let/433
Brazil ²⁵⁷ (Signature subject to ratification)	8 Jun 1998 18 Mar 2016	18 Mar 2016	WT/Let/225 WT/Let/1145
Ratification			
Bulgaria	18 Feb 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/289
Canada	18 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Chile	16 Jun 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/228 WT/Let/288
Colombia	28 Jul 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/235 WT/Let/288
Costa Rica (Signature subject to ratification)	16 Nov 1998		WT/Let/254
Ratification	29 Sep 1999	29 Sep 1999	WT/Let/309
Cyprus	11 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/280
Czech Republic	16 Jul 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/233 WT/Let/288
Denmark	26 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Dominican Republic ²⁵⁸ (Signature <i>ad referendum</i>)	9 Nov 1998		WT/Let/288
Ratification	17 Jun 2003	17 Jun 2003	WT/Let/447
Ecuador	23 Dec 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/279 WT/Let/288
Egypt	17 Nov 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/254 WT/Let/288
El Salvador (Signature subject to ratification)	18 Jan 1999		WT/Let/288
Ratification	14 Jun 1999	14 Jun 1999	WT/Let/304
European Union ²⁵⁹	22 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Finland	22 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
France	29 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288

²⁵⁶ On 25 October 2002, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by the Plurinational State of Bolivia until 31 May 2003 ([S/L/108](#)).

²⁵⁷ On 18 March 2016, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by Brazil until 25 March 2016 ([S/L/411](#)).

²⁵⁸ On 14 May 2003, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by the Dominican Republic until 16 July 2003 ([S/L/111](#)).

²⁵⁹ On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

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Germany	22 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Ghana ²⁶⁰	26 May 2000	26 May 2000	WT/Let/345
Greece	22 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Honduras (Signature <i>ad referendum</i>)	2 Mar 1999		WT/Let/291
Ratification	21 May 1999	21 May 1999	WT/Let/299
Hong Kong, China	18 May 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/220 WT/Let/288
Hungary	28 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Iceland	12 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/282 WT/Let/288
India	9 Dec 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/276 WT/Let/288
Indonesia	26 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Ireland	22 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Israel	30 Jun 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/230 WT/Let/288
Italy	28 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Jamaica ²⁶¹	16 Oct 2012	16 Oct 2012	WT/Let/866
Japan	30 Jun 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/230 WT/Let/288
Kenya ²⁶²	1 Dec 2000	1 Dec 2000	WT/Let/363
Korea, Republic of	27 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Kuwait, the State of	11 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/280 WT/Let/288
Luxembourg (Signature subject to ratification)	22 Jan 1999		WT/Let/284
Ratification	10 Jun 1999	10 Jun 1999	WT/Let/288 WT/Let/304
Macao, China	28 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Malaysia	29 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Malta	21 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288

²⁶⁰ On 26 May 2000, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by Ghana until 30 June 2000 ([S/L/87](#)).

²⁶¹ On 5 October 2012, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by Jamaica until 4 December 2012 ([S/L/395](#)).

²⁶² On 1 December 2000, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by Kenya until 31 December 2000 ([S/L/89](#)).

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Mauritius	21 Dec 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/278 WT/Let/288
Mexico	29 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe)	20 Aug 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/239 WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
New Zealand	11 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/280 WT/Let/288
Nicaragua (Signature subject to ratification)	28 Jan 1999		WT/Let/286
Ratification	21 Sep 1999	21 Sep 1999	WT/Let/309
Nigeria ²⁶³	7 Dec 2000	7 Dec 2000	WT/Let/363
Norway	29 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Pakistan	23 Dec 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/279 WT/Let/288
Peru	23 Jun 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/228 WT/Let/288
Philippines ²⁶⁴	16 Mar 2011	16 Mar 2011	WT/Let/759
Poland ²⁶⁵	3 Jul 2003	3 Jul 2003	WT/Let/448
Portugal	22 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Romania	28 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Senegal	20 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Singapore	18 May 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/219 WT/Let/288
Slovak Republic	29 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Slovenia	15 Jun 1999	15 Jun 1999	WT/Let/305
South Africa	27 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Spain	25 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Sri Lanka	20 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288

²⁶³ On 1 December 2000, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by Nigeria until 31 December 2000 ([S/L/89](#)).

²⁶⁴ On 7 March 2011, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by the Philippines until 8 April 2011 ([S/L/382](#)).

²⁶⁵ On 3 July 2003, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by Poland until 4 August 2003 ([S/L/130](#)).

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Sweden	22 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Switzerland	2 Nov 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/247 WT/Let/288
Thailand	29 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Tunisia	26 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
Türkiye ²⁶⁶	22 Sep 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/244 WT/Let/288
United Kingdom	28 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288
United States of America	1 Dec 1998	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/273 WT/Let/288
Uruguay ²⁶⁷ (Signature subject to ratification).....	21 Jul 1998		WT/Let/234
Ratification	6 Jun 2003	6 Jun 2003	WT/Let/447
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	21 Jan 1999	1 Mar 1999	WT/Let/284 WT/Let/288

²⁶⁶ Formerly "Turkey".

²⁶⁷ On 14 May 2003, the Council for Trade in Services decided to reopen the Protocol for acceptance by Uruguay until 16 June 2003 ([S/L/112](#)).