

Agreement on Government Procurement

Done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994

Entry into force: 1 January 1996²⁹⁰

Text: GATT Publication VI-1994, [WT/Let/391](#)²⁹¹

Registration: 29 February 1996, [I-31874](#), No. 42290

UNTS: [1915 UNTS 103](#)

Relevant clauses

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Article XXIV

1. *Acceptance and Entry into Force*

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1996 for those governments⁸ whose agreed coverage is contained in Annexes 1 through 5 of Appendix I of this Agreement and which have, by signature, accepted the Agreement on 15 April 1994 or have, by that date, signed the Agreement subject to ratification and subsequently ratified the Agreement before 1 January 1996.

⁸ For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "government" is deemed to include the competent authorities of the European Communities.

2. *Accession*

Any government which is a Member of the WTO, or prior to the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement which is a contracting party to GATT 1947, and which is not a Party to this Agreement may accede to this Agreement on terms to be agreed between that government and the Parties. Accession shall take place by deposit with the Director-General of the WTO of an instrument of accession which states the terms so agreed. The Agreement shall enter into force for an acceding government on the 30th day following the date of its accession to the Agreement.

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14. *Deposit*

This Agreement shall be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO, who shall promptly furnish to each Party a certified true copy of this Agreement, of each rectification or modification thereto pursuant to paragraph 6 and of each amendment thereto pursuant to paragraph 9, and a notification of each acceptance thereof or accession thereto pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 and of each withdrawal therefrom pursuant to paragraph 10 of this Article.

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²⁹⁰ See [WT/Let/2](#).

As announced in [WT/Let/1497](#), with the entry into force of the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Geneva on 30 March 2012, for Switzerland on 1 January 2021, all GPA Parties have accepted the Protocol. Accordingly, pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Protocol, from 1 January 2021 the Agreement on Government Procurement as amended by the Protocol has replaced the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994, in relation to all GPA Parties. See also [WT/Let/1503](#).

²⁹¹ Technical errors in the authentic text of the Agreement on Government Procurement, pages 1/4 and 2/4 of Appendix I, Annex 3 of Japan, were rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 18 April 2001 ([WT/Let/386](#); [WT/Let/391](#)).

Acceptances

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Austria (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Belgium (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/2
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
Canada (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	22 Dec 1995	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
In endorsing this Agreement vis-à-vis the United States for Annex 1 (Federal departments and agencies), Canada's commitments are made on the basis of our understanding of 1) the value of the U.S. offer at the time of signing of the Agreement in Marrakesh and 2) the value of "small and minority business set-asides" discussed with the United States in reference to the exception taken for these programs in their offer. Canada would further note that its commitments are put forward on the understanding that the value of U.S. contracts, otherwise subject to WTO-AGP, to which preferences for U.S. small and minority businesses are applied, is consistent with statistics recently tabled by the United States in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 10 of the NAFTA. These statistics indicate that the total value of small and minority business set-asides for U.S. departments and agencies is US\$3.0 billion. With appropriate adjustments for the higher threshold values of the WTO-AGP, that value would be approximately US\$2.4 billion.			
Denmark (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/2 WT/Let/51
European Union ²⁹²			
(Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/2
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
Finland (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/2
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
France (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/2
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
Germany (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Greece	15 Apr 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/2
Ireland (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Israel (Signature subject to acceptance)	15 Apr 1994		
Acceptance	31 Dec 1995	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
Italy (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Japan (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/44
Ratification	5 Dec 1995	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51

²⁹² On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Korea, Republic of (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	22 Dec 1995	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
In accordance with paragraph 3(a) of Article XXIV of the Agreement the Republic of Korea will delay application of the provisions of the said Agreement, except Articles XXI and XXII, to a date not later than 1 January 1997.			
Luxembourg	15 Apr 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/2 WT/Let/51
Netherlands (Signature subject to acceptance)	15 Apr 1994		
Norway (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/2
Ratification	7 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
Portugal (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Spain (Signature <i>ad referendum</i>)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/2
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
Sweden (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/2
Ratification	22 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
Switzerland (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/50
Ratification	19 Dec 1995	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51
United Kingdom (Signature subject to ratification) ²⁹³	15 Apr 1994		
United States of America (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		WT/Let/44
Acceptance	1 Dec 1995	1 Jan 1996	WT/Let/51

Accessions²⁹⁴

	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Armenia	16 Aug 2011	15 Sep 2011	WT/Let/821
Australia	5 Apr 2019	5 May 2019	WT/Let/1429
Hong Kong, China	20 May 1997	19 Jun 1997	WT/Let/141
Iceland	29 Mar 2001	28 Apr 2001	WT/Let/396
Liechtenstein	19 Aug 1997	18 Sep 1997	WT/Let/166
Moldova, Republic of	14 Jun 2016	14 Jul 2016	WT/Let/1169
Montenegro	15 Jun 2015	15 Jul 2015	WT/Let/1046

²⁹³ On 1 February 2020, the United Kingdom communicated that the Committee on Government Procurement had agreed, by means of a Decision adopted on 27 February 2019 ([GPA/CD/2](#)), as reaffirmed by the Decision adopted on 26 June 2019 ([GPA/CD/2/Add.1](#)), that the United Kingdom shall continue to be covered by the GPA until the expiration of the transition period between the United Kingdom and the European Union ([WT/GC/206](#)). See also the Note Verbale submitted by the European Union on 27 January 2020 ([WT/Let/1462](#)).

²⁹⁴ For technical reasons, certain files linked in the electronic version of this publication to the WT/Let references in this section do not include the associated terms of accession. The associated terms of accession may be retrieved separately by searching for the document symbol on WTO Documents Online, <https://docs.wto.org>, and clicking the "More Files" link in the bottom-right corner of the result.

	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Netherlands (for Aruba)	25 Sep 1996	25 Oct 1996	WT/Let/111
New Zealand	13 Jul 2015	12 Aug 2015	WT/Let/1049 , WT/Let/1049/ Corr.1
New Zealand declares that, consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking account of the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this Acceptance shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory.			
Singapore	20 Sep 1997	20 Oct 1997	WT/Let/179
Chinese Taipei	15 Jun 2009	15 Jul 2009	WT/Let/647 WT/Let/647/Add.1 WT/Let/647/Corr.1
Ukraine	18 Apr 2016	18 May 2016	WT/Let/1150
United Kingdom.....	2 Dec 2020		WT/Let/1498 ²⁹⁵

²⁹⁵ As announced in [WT/Let/1498](#), the instrument of accession deposited by the United Kingdom on 2 December 2020 concerned both the Agreement on Government Procurement as amended by the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Geneva on 30 March 2012, as well as the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 (the "1994 Agreement"). With the entry into force of this Protocol for Switzerland on 1 January 2021, all GPA Parties have accepted the Protocol. Accordingly, pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Protocol, from 1 January 2021 the Agreement on Government Procurement as amended by the Protocol has replaced the 1994 Agreement in relation to all GPA Parties ([WT/Let/1497](#)). See also [WT/Let/1503](#).

Agreement on Government Procurement²⁹⁶**Modifications and Rectifications to Appendices I-IV to the
1994 Agreement on Government Procurement***Notification*

Appendices to the Agreement in loose-leaf format

as rectified or modified up to 1 March 2000	WT/Let/330
Armenia	WT/Let/1251
Canada	WT/Let/209 ; WT/Let/454 ; WT/Let/581 ; WT/Let/672
European Union ²⁹⁷	WT/Let/57 ; WT/Let/135 ; WT/Let/162 ; WT/Let/185 ; WT/Let/294 ; WT/Let/438 ; WT/Let/472 ; WT/Let/556 ; WT/Let/745 ; WT/Let/746 ; WT/Let/887
Hong Kong, China	WT/Let/183 ; WT/Let/206 ; WT/Let/218 ; WT/Let/355 ; WT/Let/370 ; WT/Let/425 ; WT/Let/425/Rev.1 ; WT/Let/444 ; WT/Let/453 ; WT/Let/476 ; WT/Let/491 ; WT/Let/496 ; WT/Let/683 ; WT/Let/940 ; WT/Let/1135
Iceland	WT/Let/438 ; WT/Let/985
Israel	WT/Let/184 ; WT/Let/214 ; WT/Let/485 ; WT/Let/507 ; WT/Let/513 ; WT/Let/545 ; WT/Let/550 ; WT/Let/942
Japan	WT/Let/68 ; WT/Let/119 ; WT/Let/134 ; WT/Let/208 ; WT/Let/211 ; WT/Let/238 ; WT/Let/274 ; WT/Let/275 ; WT/Let/354 ; WT/Let/367 ; WT/Let/386 ; WT/Let/391 ; WT/Let/400 ; WT/Let/419 ; WT/Let/425 ; WT/Let/425/Rev.1 ; WT/Let/446 ; WT/Let/452 ; WT/Let/452/Rev.1 ; WT/Let/463 ; WT/Let/469 ; WT/Let/470 ; WT/Let/471 ; WT/Let/473 ; WT/Let/475 ; WT/Let/478 ; WT/Let/483 ; WT/Let/484 ; WT/Let/486 ; WT/Let/495 ; WT/Let/500 ; WT/Let/501 ; WT/Let/509 ; WT/Let/551 ; WT/Let/555 ; WT/Let/564 ; WT/Let/577 ; WT/Let/609 ; WT/Let/637 ; WT/Let/637/Corr.1 ; WT/Let/641 ; WT/Let/643 ; WT/Let/658 ; WT/Let/659 ; WT/Let/670 ; WT/Let/673 ; WT/Let/674 ; WT/Let/676 ; WT/Let/677 ; WT/Let/680 ; WT/Let/682 ; WT/Let/826 ; WT/Let/829 ; WT/Let/845 ; WT/Let/846 ; WT/Let/851 ; WT/Let/859 ; WT/Let/877 ; WT/Let/877/Corr.1 ; WT/Let/939 ; WT/Let/962 ; WT/Let/1000 ; WT/Let/1047 ; WT/Let/1189 ; WT/Let/1190 ; WT/Let/1259 ; WT/Let/1301 ; WT/Let/1415 ; WT/Let/1458
Korea, Republic of	WT/Let/207 ; WT/Let/401 ; WT/Let/455 ; WT/Let/456 ; WT/Let/481 ; WT/Let/481/Rev.1 ; WT/Let/494 ; WT/Let/543 ; WT/Let/575 ; WT/Let/649 ; WT/Let/660 ; WT/Let/685 ; WT/Let/909
Norway	WT/Let/17 ; WT/Let/105 ; WT/Let/152 ; WT/Let/163 ; WT/Let/210 ; WT/Let/438
Switzerland	WT/Let/146 ; WT/Let/164 ; WT/Let/194 ; WT/Let/205 ; WT/Let/356 ; WT/Let/437 ; WT/Let/662

²⁹⁶ Periodically updated information on the situation of GPA Parties' schedules is available at: https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gp_app_agree_e.htm. For technical reasons, certain files linked in the electronic version of this publication to the WT/Let references in this section do not include the associated replacement pages to the relevant schedule. The associated replacement pages may be retrieved by searching for the document symbol on WTO Documents Online, <https://docs.wto.org>, and clicking the "More Files" link in the bottom-right corner of the result.

²⁹⁷ On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

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Singapore.....	WT/Let/243 ; WT/Let/297 ; WT/Let/429 ; WT/Let/661 ; WT/Let/873 ; WT/Let/1226 ; WT/Let/1381 ; WT/Let/1474
Chinese Taipei	WT/Let/647Add.1 ; WT/Let/657
United States of America.....	WT/Let/17 ; WT/Let/57 ; WT/Let/68 ; WT/Let/105 ; WT/Let/135 ; WT/Let/146 ; WT/Let/407 ; WT/Let/431 ; WT/Let/457 ; WT/Let/482 ; WT/Let/482/Rev.1 ; WT/Let/537 ; WT/Let/635 ; WT/Let/672 ; WT/Let/675 ; WT/Let/844 ; WT/Let/919

Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement

Done at Geneva on 30 March 2012

Entry into force: 6 April 2014²⁹⁸

Text: WTO Treaty Series No. 43, [WT/Let/854](#),²⁹⁹ [WT/Let/858](#), [GPA/113](#)

UN Registration: 15 October 2014, [31874](#), [No. 65110](#)

UNTS: [not yet determined](#)

Relevant clauses

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1. The Preamble, Articles I through XXIV, and Appendices to the 1994 Agreement shall be deleted and replaced by the provisions as set forth in the Annex hereto.
2. This Protocol shall be open for acceptance by the Parties to the 1994 Agreement.
3. This Protocol shall enter into force for those Parties to the 1994 Agreement that have deposited their respective instruments of acceptance of this Protocol, on the 30th day following such deposit by two thirds of the Parties to the 1994 Agreement. Thereafter this Protocol shall enter into force for each Party to the 1994 Agreement which has deposited its instrument of acceptance of this Protocol, on the 30th day following the date of such deposit.
4. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO, who shall promptly furnish to each Party to the 1994 Agreement a certified true copy of this Protocol, and a notification of each acceptance thereof.
5. This Protocol shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

²⁹⁸ See [WT/Let/936](#).

²⁹⁹ A typographical error in the French version of the authentic text of the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement was rectified through a *procès-verbal* done on 4 June 2012. The rectification concerned an error in the numbering of the Annex to the Protocol, Article II, paragraphs 4 to 11 ([WT/Let/853](#); [WT/Let/854](#)).

Acceptances

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Armenia	7 May 2015	6 Jun 2015	WT/Let/1039
Canada	18 Nov 2013	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/913
European Union ³⁰⁰	3 Dec 2013	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/917
Hong Kong, China	2 Dec 2013	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/916
Iceland	27 Feb 2014	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/933
Israel	7 Mar 2014	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/935
Japan	17 Mar 2014	16 Apr 2014	WT/Let/936
Korea, Republic of	15 Dec 2015	14 Jan 2016	WT/Let/1110
Liechtenstein	2 May 2013	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/883
Netherlands (for Aruba)	4 June 2014	21 Aug 2014	WT/Let/945
Norway	12 Nov 2013	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/912
Singapore	27 Feb 2014	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/934
Switzerland.....	2 Dec 2020	1 Jan 2021	WT/Let/1497
Chinese Taipei	18 Nov 2013	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/914
United States of America	2 Dec 2013	6 Apr 2014	WT/Let/915

Accessions³⁰¹

	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Australia	5 Apr 2019	5 May 2019	WT/Let/1429
Moldova, Republic of	14 Jun 2016	14 Jul 2016	WT/Let/1169
Montenegro	15 Jun 2015	15 Jul 2015	WT/Let/1046
New Zealand.....	13 Jul 2015	12 Aug 2015	WT/Let/1049 WT/Let/1049/ Corr.1
New Zealand declares that, consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this Accession shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory.			
North Macedonia.....	30 Sep 2023	30 Oct 2023	WT/Let/1631
Ukraine	18 Apr 2016	18 May 2016	WT/Let/1150
United Kingdom.....	2 Dec 2020	1 Jan 2021	WT/Let/1498 WT/Let/1503

³⁰⁰ On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

³⁰¹ This refers to expressions of consent to be bound by the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement in the context of accessions to the amended Agreement on Government Procurement.

Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement³⁰²

Modifications and Rectifications to Appendices I-IV to the Amended Agreement on Government Procurement³⁰³

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Armenia	WT/Let/1045 ; WT/Let/1067 ; WT/Let/1252
Australia.....	WT/Let/1434 ; WT/Let/1453 ; WT/Let/1510 ; WT/Let/1534 ; WT/Let/1567 ; WT/Let/1578 ; WT/Let/1644 ; WT/Let/1652
Canada.....	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/954 ; WT/Let/1228 ; WT/Let/1644
European Union ³⁰⁴	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/977 ; WT/Let/1050 ; WT/Let/1066 ; WT/Let/1184 ; WT/Let/1433 ; WT/Let/1509 ; WT/Let/1643
Hong Kong, China	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/946 ; WT/Let/1137
Iceland	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/985 ; WT/Let/1433
Israel	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/947 ; WT/Let/1140
Japan.....	WT/Let/944 ; WT/Let/952 ; WT/Let/981 ; WT/Let/1131 ; WT/Let/1191 ; WT/Let/1210 ; WT/Let/1210/Corr.1 ; WT/Let/1264 ; WT/Let/1322 ; WT/Let/1419 ; WT/Let/1459 ; WT/Let/1554 ; WT/Let/1598 ; WT/Let/1600
Korea, Republic of	WT/Let/1125 ; WT/Let/1162 ; WT/Let/1445 ; WT/Let/1504
Liechtenstein	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/948 ; WT/Let/1433
Moldova, Republic of.....	WT/Let/1180
Montenegro.....	WT/Let/1050 ; WT/Let/1051 ; WT/Let/1120 ; WT/Let/1509 ; WT/Let/1643
Netherlands (for Aruba)	WT/Let/982 ; WT/Let/1027
New Zealand.....	WT/Let/1065 ; WT/Let/1066 ; WT/Let/1085 ; WT/Let/1200 ; WT/Let/1224 ; WT/Let/1269 ; WT/Let/1331 ; WT/Let/1351 ; WT/Let/1356
North Macedonia	WT/Let/1643 ; WT/Let/1644
Norway	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/1026 ; WT/Let/1433
Singapore.....	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/951 ; WT/Let/1227 ; WT/Let/1382 ; WT/Let/1476
Switzerland	WT/Let/1510 ; WT/Let/1532 ; WT/Let/1643
Chinese Taipei	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/978 ; WT/Let/1533
Ukraine	WT/Let/1163 ; WT/Let/1174 ; WT/Let/1508 ; WT/Let/1553 ; WT/Let/1557 ; WT/Let/1563 ; WT/Let/1588 ; WT/Let/1651 ; WT/Let/1697
United Kingdom ³⁰⁵	WT/Let/1510 ; WT/Let/1552 ; WT/Let/1643
United States of America.....	WT/Let/941 ; WT/Let/950 ; WT/Let/1141

³⁰² Periodically updated information on the situation of GPA Parties' schedules is available at: https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gp_app_agree_e.htm. For technical reasons, certain files linked in the electronic version of this publication to the WT/Let references in this section do not include the associated replacement pages to the relevant schedule. The associated replacement pages were issued as a separate file that may be retrieved by searching for the document symbol on WTO Documents Online, <https://docs.wto.org>, and clicking the "More Files" link in the bottom-right corner of the result.

³⁰³ At its meeting on 9 October 2024, the Committee on Government Procurement (the "Committee") approved the change in format and the update of Appendices II-IV to the Agreement on Government Procurement as amended by the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Geneva on 30 March 2012 (the "Agreement"), as circulated in document [GPA/W/353](#). Moreover, the Committee agreed that the effective date for the newly formatted and updated Appendices II-IV would be 1 November 2024. The Committee also agreed that separate notifications by Parties pursuant to Article VI:3 of the Agreement would not be required. Accordingly, Appendices II-IV to the Agreement were certified by the Director-General and became effective for all Parties to the Agreement on 1 November 2024. See [WT/Let/1717](#).

³⁰⁴ On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

³⁰⁵ See [WT/GC/226](#), paras. 2.8 and 2.9.