

Chapter 12
Government Procurement

Article 130
Existing Rights and Obligations

1. The rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of government procurement shall be governed by the Agreement on Government Procurement in Annex 4 to the WTO Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the GPA").
2. If the GPA is amended or is superseded by another agreement, "the GPA", for the purposes of this Chapter, shall refer to the GPA as amended or such other agreement, as of the date on which such amendment or other agreement enters into force for both Parties.
3. Chapter 14 shall not apply to this Article.

Article 131
Enquiry Points

Each Party hereby designates the following governmental authority as its enquiry point to facilitate communication between the Parties on any matter regarding government procurement:

- (a) for Japan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
- (b) for Switzerland, the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.

Article 132
Further Negotiations

1. The Parties will consult in the Joint Committee with a view to increasing mutual understanding of their respective government procurement systems, effectively implementing them and further enhancing and expanding access to the government procurement market of each Party for the suppliers of the other Party.

2. In the event that, after the entry into force of this Agreement, a Party accords to a non-Party additional advantages of access to its government procurement market beyond those accorded to the other Party under the GPA, the former Party shall, upon request of the other Party, enter into negotiations with a view to extending those advantages to the other Party on a reciprocal basis.