### Annex III Schedule of Australia

### Introductory Note for the Schedule of Australia

- 1. The Schedule of Australia to Annex III sets out:
  - (a) headnotes that limit or clarify the commitments of Australia with respect to the obligations described in sub-paragraph (b)(i) through (v) and in sub-paragraph (c);
  - (b) in Section A, pursuant to Article 13.9 (Non-Conforming Measures), the existing measures of Australia that do not conform with some or all of the obligations imposed by:
    - (i) Article 13.2 (National Treatment);
    - (ii) Article 13.3 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment);
    - (iii) Article 13.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions);
    - (iv) Article 13.5 (Cross-Border Trade); or
    - (v) Article 13.8 (Senior Management and Boards of Directors); and
- (c) in Section B, pursuant to Article 13.9 (Non-Conforming Measures), the specific sectors, sub-sectors or activities for which Australia may maintain existing, or adopt new or more restrictive, measures that do not conform with the obligations imposed by Article 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, or 13.8.
- 2. Each entry in Annex A sets out the following elements:
  - (a) **Sector** refers to the general sector for which the entry is made;
  - (b) **Obligations Concerned** specifies the obligation(s) referred to in paragraph 1(b) that, pursuant to Article 13.9 (Non-Conforming Measures), do not apply to the listed measure(s);
  - (c) **Level of Government** indicates the level of government maintaining the listed measure(s);
  - (d) **Source of Measure** identifies the laws, regulations, or other measures that are the source of the non-conforming measure for which the entry is made. A measure cited in the Source of Measure 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 thereunder; and
- (e) **Description** sets out the non-conforming aspects 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) **Obligations Concerned** specifies the obligation(s) referred to in paragraph 1(c) that, pursuant to Article 13.9, do not apply to the sectors, sub-sectors, or activities listed in the entry;
  - (c) **Level of Government** indicates the level of government maintaining the listed measure(s); and
  - (d) **Description** sets out the scope of the sectors, subsectors, or activities covered by the entry.
- 4. For entries in Section A, in accordance with Article 13.9.1(a) (Non-Conforming Measures), the articles of this Agreement specified in the **Obligations Concerned** element of an entry do not apply to the measures identified in the **Description** element of that entry except to the extent the measure identified in the **Description** element is inconsistent with a Specific Commitment in Annex 13-B.
- 5. For entries in Section B, in accordance with Article 13.9.2, 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 Australia maintains a measure that requires that a service supplier be a citizen, permanent resident or resident of its territory as a condition to the provision of a service in its territory, a listing for that measure taken in Annex III with respect to Articles 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, or 13.5 shall operate as a non-conforming measure with respect to Articles 11.3 (National Treatment), 11.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment) and 11.9 (Performance Requirements), to the extent of that measure.

#### **Headnotes**

- 1. Commitments under this Chapter are undertaken subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in these headnotes and the Schedule below.
- 2. To clarify Australia's commitment with respect to Article 13.4 of the Agreement (Market Access for Financial Institutions), juridical persons supplying financial services and constituted under the laws of Australia are subject to nondiscriminatory limitations on juridical form.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Australia limits its commitment under Article 13.9.1(c) (Non-Conforming Measures) with respect to Article 13.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions) in the following manner: Article 13.9.1(c) shall apply only to measures concerning banking and other financial services (excluding insurance) which do not conform with Article 13.4(a).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For example, partnerships and sole proprietorships are generally not acceptable juridical forms for authorised depository institutions in Australia. 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.

# Annex III Schedule of Australia Section A

**Sector:** Financial Services

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Concerned: Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

Level of Government Central

Source of Banking Act 1959

Measure: Payment Systems (Regulation) Act 1998

**Description:** A branch of a foreign bank that is authorised as a deposit taking

institution in Australia (foreign ADI) is not permitted to accept initial deposits (and other funds) from individuals and non-

corporate institutions of less than \$A250,000.

A foreign bank that operates a representative office in Australia is

not permitted to undertake any banking business, including

advertising for deposits, in Australia. Such a representative office

is only permitted to act as a liaison point.

**Obligations** Senior Management and Boards of Directors (Article 13.8)

**Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central

**Government:** 

**Source of** *Corporations Act 2001* **Measure:** 

**Description:** At least two of the directors of a public company must be

ordinarily resident in Australia.

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

**Concerned:** Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 13.3)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

Cross-Border Trade (Article 13.5)

Senior Management and Boards of Directors (Article 13.8)

Level of Government Regional

**Source of** All existing non-conforming measures at the regional level of

**Measure:** government.

**Description:** All existing non-conforming measures at the regional level of

government.

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 13.2) **Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central

Government

**Source of** Commonwealth Banks Act 1959

Measure: AIDC Sale Act 1997

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act 1970

**Description:** Liabilities of the Commonwealth Bank and the Australian

Industry Development Corporation (AIDC), previously

Commonwealth Government-owned, are covered by transitional

guarantee arrangements.

# Annex III Schedule of Australia Section B

**Sector:** Financial Services

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

**Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central and regional **Government** 

**Description:** Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure<sup>2</sup>

with respect to the guarantee by government of governmentowned entities, including guarantees related to the privatisation of such entities, which may conduct financial operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> That is, measures that would be excluded from the application of Chapter Thirteen (Financial Services) under Article 13.1.3(b), except for the application of Australia's policy on competitive neutrality which in general allows competition and avoids providing a net competitive advantage to an entity by virtue of its public sector ownership.

# ANNEX III SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES

# Introductory Note for the Schedule of the United States

- 1. The Schedule of the United States to Annex III sets out:
  - (a) headnotes that limit or clarify the commitments of the United States with respect to the obligations described in sub-paragraph (b)(i) through (v) and in sub-paragraph (c),
  - (b) in Section A, pursuant to Article 13.9 (Non-Conforming Measures), the existing measures of the United States that do not conform with some or all of the obligations imposed by:
    - (i) Article 13.2 (National Treatment);
    - (ii) Article 13.3 (Most-Favored-Nation Treatment);
    - (iii) Article 13.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions):
    - (iv) Article 13.5 (Cross-Border Trade); or
    - (v) Article 13.8 (Senior Management and Boards of Directors), and
  - (c) in Section B, pursuant to Article 13.9 (Non-Conforming Measures), the specific sectors, sub-sectors, or activities for which the United States may maintain existing, or adopt new or more restrictive, measures that do not conform with the obligations imposed by Article 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, or 13.8.
- 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 obligation(s) referred to in paragraph 1(b) that, pursuant to Article 13.9, do not apply to the listed measure(s);
  - (d) **Level of Government** indicates the level of government maintaining the listed 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 Measures.
- 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 obligation(s) referred to in paragraph 1(c) that, pursuant to Article 13.9, do not apply to the sectors, sub-sectors, or activities listed 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, subsectors, or activities covered by the entry.
- 4. For entries in Section A, in accordance with Article 13.9.1(a), the articles of this Agreement specified in the **Obligations Concerned** element of an entry do not apply to the law, regulation or other measure identified in the **Measures** element of that entry, except to the extent the measure identified in the **Measures** element is inconsistent with a Specific Commitment in Annex 13-B.
- 5. For entries in Section B, in accordance with Article 13.9.2, 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 the United States maintains a measure that requires that a service supplier be a citizen, permanent resident or resident of its territory as a condition to the provision of a service in its territory, a listing for that measure taken in Annex III with respect to Articles 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, or 13.5 shall operate as a non-conforming measure with respect to Articles 11.3 (National Treatment), 11.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment) and 11.9 (Performance Requirements), to the extent of that measure.

#### 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 Schedule below.
- 2. National treatment commitments in these sub-sectors are subject to the following limitations:
  - (a) National treatment with respect to banking will be provided based upon the foreign bank's "home state" in the United States, as that term is defined under the International Banking Act, where that Act is applicable. A domestic bank subsidiary of a foreign firm will have its own "home state," and national treatment will be provided based upon the subsidiary's home state, as determined under applicable law.<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) National treatment with respect to insurance financial institutions will be provided according to a non-U.S. insurance financial institution's state of domicile, where applicable, in the United States. State of domicile is defined by individual states, and is generally the state in which an insurer either is incorporated, is organized, or maintains its principal office in the United States.
- 3. To clarify the U.S. commitment with respect to Article 13.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions), juridical persons supplying banking or other financial services (excluding insurance) and constituted under the laws of the United States are subject to non-discriminatory limitations on juridical form.<sup>2</sup>
- 4. The United States limits its commitments under Article 13.9.1(c) (Non-Conforming Measures) with respect to Article 13.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions) in the following manner: with respect to banking and other financial services (excluding insurance), Article 13.9.1(c) shall apply only to non-conforming measures relating to 13.4(a) and not to those non-conforming measures relating to Article 13.4(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Foreign banking organizations are generally subject to geographic and other limitations in the United States on a national treatment basis. Where such limitations do not conform to national treatment, they have been listed as non-conforming measures. For purposes of illustration, under this approach, the following situation does not accord national treatment and would therefore be listed as a non-conforming measure: a foreign bank from a particular home state is accorded less favorable treatment than that accorded to a domestic bank from that state with respect to expansion by branching.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For example, partnerships and sole proprietorships are generally not acceptable juridical forms for depository financial institutions in the United States. 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.

# Annex III Schedule of the United States Section A

**Sector:** Financial Services

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Senior Management & Boards of Directors (Article 13.8)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 12 U.S.C. 72

**Description:** All directors of a national bank must be U.S. citizens, except that

the Comptroller of the Currency may waive the citizenship requirement for not more than a minority of the total number of

directors.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 12 U.S.C. 619

**Description:** Foreign ownership of Edge corporations is limited to foreign banks

and U.S. subsidiaries of foreign banks, while domestic non-bank

firms may own such corporations.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 12 U.S.C. 1463 et seq. & 12 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.

**Description:** Federal and state laws do not permit a credit union, savings bank,

or savings association (both of the latter two entities may be also called thrift institutions) in the United States to be established through branches of corporations organized under a foreign

country's law.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 12 U.S.C. 3104(d)

**Description:** In order to accept or maintain domestic retail deposits of less than

\$100,000, a foreign bank must establish an insured banking subsidiary. This requirement does not apply to a foreign bank branch that was engaged in insured deposit-taking activities on

December 19, 1991.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 15 U.S.C. 80b-2, 80b-3

**Description:** Foreign banks are required to register as investment advisers under

the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to engage in securities advisory and investment management services in the United States, while domestic banks\* (or a separately identifiable

department or division of the bank) do not have to register unless they advise registered investment companies. The registration requirement involves record maintenance, inspections, submission

of reports and payment of a fee.

<sup>\*</sup> For greater clarity, "domestic banks" include U.S. bank

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 12 U.S.C. 221, 302, 321

**Description:** Foreign banks cannot be members of the Federal Reserve System,

and thus may not vote for directors of a Federal Reserve Bank. Foreign-owned bank subsidiaries are not subject to this measure.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 12 U.S.C. 36(g); 12 U.S.C. 1828(d)(4); 12 U.S.C. 1831u(a)(4)

**Description:** The United States undertakes no commitment with respect to

Article 13.4(b) in relation to the expansion, via the establishment of a branch or the acquisition of one or more branches of a bank without acquisition of the entire bank, by a foreign bank into another state from its "home state," as that term is defined under applicable law. Except as provided elsewhere in this schedule, such expansion shall be accorded on a national treatment basis in

accordance with headnote 2.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 12 U.S.C. 1831u

**Description:** Interstate expansion by a foreign bank through the establishment

of branches by merger with a bank located outside the "home state," as that term is defined under applicable law, of a foreign bank shall be accorded on a national treatment basis in accordance with headnote 2, except as provided elsewhere in this Schedule.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 12 U.S.C. 3102(a)(1); 12 U.S.C. 3103(a); 12 U.S.C. 3102(d)

**Description:** Establishment of a federal branch or agency by a foreign bank is

not available in the following states that may prohibit establishment of a branch or agency by a foreign bank:

• Branches and agencies may be prohibited in Alabama, Kansas, Maryland, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

• Branches, but not agencies, may be prohibited in Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri,

Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia.

Certain restrictions on fiduciary powers apply to federal agencies.

Note: The cited federal measures provide that certain state law restrictions shall apply to the establishment of federal branches or

agencies.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Most- Favored- Nation Treatment (Article 13.3)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 15 U.S.C. 77jjj(a)(1)

**Description:** The authority to act as a sole trustee of an indenture for a bond

offering in the United States is subject to a reciprocity test.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Most- Favored- Nation Treatment (Article 13.3)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 22 U.S.C. 5341-5342

**Description:** Designation as a primary dealer in U.S. government debt securities

is conditioned on reciprocity.\*

\* A foreign-owned firm from any country that accords to

United States companies the same competitive opportunities in the underwriting and distribution of government debt instruments as the country accords to a domestic company will be entitled to be designated as a primary dealer, assuming the firm meets applicable business requirements established by the Federal Reserve. If such country has entered into a Free Trade Agreement with the United States and the country has not taken a national treatment reservation for its government debt market, that fact shall be a positive factor in the consideration of such firm's request for designation.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** Most- Favored- Nation Treatment (Article 13.3)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 15 U.S.C. 78o(c)

**Description:** A broker-dealer registered under U.S. law that has its principal

place of business in Canada may maintain its required reserves in a

bank in Canada subject to the supervision of Canada.

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

**Level of Government:** Central

Measures: 12 U.S.C. 1421 et seq. (Federal Home Loan Banks); 12 U.S.C.

1451 et seq. (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; 12 U.S.C. 1717 et seq. (Federal National Mortgage Association); 12 U.S.C. 2011 et seq. (Farm Credit Banks); 12 U.S.C. 2279aa-1 et seq. (Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation); 20 U.S.C. 1087-

2 et seq. (Student Loan Marketing Association)

**Description:** The United States may grant advantages, including but not limited

to the following, to one or more of the Government-Sponsored

Enterprises (GSEs) listed above:

• Capital, reserves and income of the GSE are exempt from

certain taxation.

• Securities issued by the GSE are exempt from registration and periodic reporting requirements under federal securities laws.

• The U.S. Treasury may, in its discretion, purchase obligations

issued by the GSE.

Financial Services

**Sub-Sector:** Banking and Other Financial Services (Excluding Insurance)

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Most-Favored-Nation Treatment (Article 13.3)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4) Senior Management and Boards of Directors (Article 13.8)

**Level of Government:** Regional

**Measures:** All existing non-conforming measures of all states, the District of

Columbia, and Puerto Rico

**Description:** 

**Sector:** 

**Sub-Sector:** Insurance

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Cross-Border Trade (Article 13.5)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 31 U.S.C. § 9304

**Description:** Branches of foreign insurance companies are not permitted to

provide surety bonds for U.S. Government contracts.

**Sub-Sector:** Insurance

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Cross-Border Trade (Article 13.5)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Measures:** 46 C.F.R. § 249.9

**Description:** When more than 50 per cent of the value of a maritime vessel

whose hull was built under federally guaranteed mortgage funds is insured by a non-US insurer, the insured must demonstrate that the

risk was substantially first offered in the US market.

**Sub-Sector:** Insurance

**Obligations Concerned:** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Most-Favored-Nation Treatment (Article 13.3)

Cross-Border Trade (Article 13.5)

Senior Management and Boards of Directors (Article 13.8)

**Level of Government:** Regional

Measures: All existing non-conforming measures of all states, the District of

Columbia, and Puerto Rico

**Description:** 

# Annex III Schedule of the United States with Respect to Financial Services Section B

**Sector:** Financial Services

**Sub-Sector:** Insurance

**Obligations Concerned:** Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

**Level of Government:** All

**Measures:** 

**Description:** The United States reserves the right to adopt or maintain any

measure that is not inconsistent with the United States' obligations

under Article XVI of the GATS.

## Annex III Schedule of Australia

### Introductory Note for the Schedule of Australia

- 1. The Schedule of Australia to Annex III sets out:
  - (a) headnotes that limit or clarify the commitments of Australia with respect to the obligations described in sub-paragraph (b)(i) through (v) and in sub-paragraph (c);
  - (b) in Section A, pursuant to Article 13.9 (Non-Conforming Measures), the existing measures of Australia that do not conform with some or all of the obligations imposed by:
    - (i) Article 13.2 (National Treatment);
    - (ii) Article 13.3 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment);
    - (iii) Article 13.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions);
    - (iv) Article 13.5 (Cross-Border Trade); or
    - (v) Article 13.8 (Senior Management and Boards of Directors); and
- (c) in Section B, pursuant to Article 13.9 (Non-Conforming Measures), the specific sectors, sub-sectors or activities for which Australia may maintain existing, or adopt new or more restrictive, measures that do not conform with the obligations imposed by Article 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, or 13.8.
- 2. Each entry in Annex A sets out the following elements:
  - (a) **Sector** refers to the general sector for which the entry is made;
  - (b) **Obligations Concerned** specifies the obligation(s) referred to in paragraph 1(b) that, pursuant to Article 13.9 (Non-Conforming Measures), do not apply to the listed measure(s);
  - (c) **Level of Government** indicates the level of government maintaining the listed measure(s);
  - (d) **Source of Measure** identifies the laws, regulations, or other measures that are the source of the non-conforming measure for which the entry is made. A measure cited in the Source of Measure 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 thereunder; and
- (e) **Description** sets out the non-conforming aspects 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) **Obligations Concerned** specifies the obligation(s) referred to in paragraph 1(c) that, pursuant to Article 13.9, do not apply to the sectors, sub-sectors, or activities listed in the entry;
  - (c) **Level of Government** indicates the level of government maintaining the listed measure(s); and
  - (d) **Description** sets out the scope of the sectors, subsectors, or activities covered by the entry.
- 4. For entries in Section A, in accordance with Article 13.9.1(a) (Non-Conforming Measures), the articles of this Agreement specified in the **Obligations Concerned** element of an entry do not apply to the measures identified in the **Description** element of that entry except to the extent the measure identified in the **Description** element is inconsistent with a Specific Commitment in Annex 13-B.
- 5. For entries in Section B, in accordance with Article 13.9.2, 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 Australia maintains a measure that requires that a service supplier be a citizen, permanent resident or resident of its territory as a condition to the provision of a service in its territory, a listing for that measure taken in Annex III with respect to Articles 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, or 13.5 shall operate as a non-conforming measure with respect to Articles 11.3 (National Treatment), 11.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment) and 11.9 (Performance Requirements), to the extent of that measure.

#### **Headnotes**

- 1. Commitments under this Chapter are undertaken subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in these headnotes and the Schedule below.
- 2. To clarify Australia's commitment with respect to Article 13.4 of the Agreement (Market Access for Financial Institutions), juridical persons supplying financial services and constituted under the laws of Australia are subject to nondiscriminatory limitations on juridical form.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Australia limits its commitment under Article 13.9.1(c) (Non-Conforming Measures) with respect to Article 13.4 (Market Access for Financial Institutions) in the following manner: Article 13.9.1(c) shall apply only to measures concerning banking and other financial services (excluding insurance) which do not conform with Article 13.4(a).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For example, partnerships and sole proprietorships are generally not acceptable juridical forms for authorised depository institutions in Australia. 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.

# Annex III Schedule of Australia Section A

**Sector:** Financial Services

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

Concerned: Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

Level of Government Central

Source of Banking Act 1959

Measure: Payment Systems (Regulation) Act 1998

**Description:** A branch of a foreign bank that is authorised as a deposit taking

institution in Australia (foreign ADI) is not permitted to accept initial deposits (and other funds) from individuals and non-

corporate institutions of less than \$A250,000.

A foreign bank that operates a representative office in Australia is

not permitted to undertake any banking business, including

advertising for deposits, in Australia. Such a representative office

is only permitted to act as a liaison point.

**Obligations** Senior Management and Boards of Directors (Article 13.8)

**Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central

**Government:** 

**Source of** *Corporations Act 2001* **Measure:** 

**Description:** At least two of the directors of a public company must be

ordinarily resident in Australia.

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

**Concerned:** Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 13.3)

Market Access for Financial Institutions (Article 13.4)

Cross-Border Trade (Article 13.5)

Senior Management and Boards of Directors (Article 13.8)

Level of Government Regional

**Source of** All existing non-conforming measures at the regional level of

**Measure:** government.

**Description:** All existing non-conforming measures at the regional level of

government.

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

**Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central

Government

**Source of** Commonwealth Banks Act 1959

Measure: AIDC Sale Act 1997

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act 1970

**Description:** Liabilities of the Commonwealth Bank and the Australian

Industry Development Corporation (AIDC), previously

Commonwealth Government-owned, are covered by transitional

guarantee arrangements.

# Annex III Schedule of Australia Section B

**Sector:** Financial Services

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 13.2)

**Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central and regional **Government** 

**Description:** Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure<sup>2</sup>

with respect to the guarantee by government of governmentowned entities, including guarantees related to the privatisation of such entities, which may conduct financial operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> That is, measures that would be excluded from the application of Chapter Thirteen (Financial Services) under Article 13.1.3(b), except for the application of Australia's policy on competitive neutrality which in general allows competition and avoids providing a net competitive advantage to an entity by virtue of its public sector ownership.