SECOND SET OF AMENDMENTS TO SINGAPORE-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

ENCLOSED TREATY TEXT COMPRISES

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SINGAPORE

The High Commission of Australia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to refer to the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement ("the Agreement"). The High Commission has the further honour to refer to the amendments to the Agreement which have been settled between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore and which are outlined in bold text in the attached annexes.

The Department has the honour to propose that, in accordance with Article 7 of Part 17 of the Agreement, this Note, together with a Note in reply from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore accepting the terms of this Note, shall constitute an agreement in writing to amend the Agreement in the terms outlined in the attached text. These amendments shall enter into force on the date on which the Ministry's Note is received by the High Commission.

The High Commission of Australia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Note in reply from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore to the High Commission of Australia in Singapore, accepting the terms of the above Note.

ANNEX 4-I(A)

AUSTRALIA'S RESERVATIONS TO CHAPTER 7 (TRADE IN SERVICES) AND CHAPTER 8 (INVESTMENT)

Sector	All sectors
Sub-sector	-
Industry Classification	-
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Australia's foreign investment policy, which comprises the: Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (Cth) (FATA); Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Regulations; and Ministerial statements. Land Act 1994 (QLD) Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988 (QLD)
Description of Reservation	Commonwealth The following investment activities require prior approval from
	the Australian Government:
	. Acquisitions by 'foreign interests' of 'substantial interests' in existing Australian businesses with total assets of \$A50 million or more.
	Proposals by 'foreign interests' to take over offshore companies whose Australian subsidiaries or assets are valued at \$A50 million or more, or account for more than 50 per cent of the target company's global assets.
	. Proposals by 'foreign interests' to establish new businesses in Australia involving a total investment of \$A10 million or more.
	. Direct investments by foreign governments or their agencies, irrespective of size.
	. Proposals where any doubt exists as to whether they are notifiable. (Funding arrangements that include debt instruments having quasi-equity characteristics will be treated as direct foreign investment).
	A 'foreign interest' is defined as:
	. a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia;
	a corporation in which a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia or a foreign corporation holds a controlling interest;

- a corporation in which 2 or more persons, each of whom is either a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia or a foreign corporation, hold an aggregate controlling interest;
- the trustee of a trust estate in which a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia or a foreign corporation holds a substantial interest; or
- the trustee of a trust estate in which 2 or more persons, each of whom is either a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia or a foreign corporation, hold an aggregate substantial interest.

A 'substantial interest' occurs when a single foreigner (and any associates) has 15 per cent or more of the ownership of any corporation, business or trust.

An 'aggregate substantial interest' occurs when several foreigners (and any associates) have, in aggregate, 40 per cent or more of the ownership of any corporation, business or trust.

A 'controlling interest' will be as defined in section 9 of the FATA.

A 'substantial interest in a trust estate' will be as defined in section 9A of the FATA.

Proposals may be refused, or approved subject to the parties meeting certain conditions.

Separate or additional requirements may apply to measures subject to other Annex 4-I(A) reservations and to sectors, subsectors or activities subject to Annex 4-II(A) reservations.

Queensland

Certain leases of pastoral land (obtained at ballot), and other leases at the discretion of the Minister, may be subject to a condition that the lessee personally lives on the lease for the first 7 years of its term.

Foreigners are required to register ownership of land in Oueensland.

Sector	All sectors
Sub-sector	
Industry Classification	
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);
Measure	Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	At least two of the directors of a public company must be ordinarily resident in Australia.

Sector	Professional Services
Sub-sector	Patent attorney services
Industry classification	-
Type of reservation	National treatment
Source of	Part 2 of Chapter 20 of the <i>Patents Act 1990</i> (Cth)
Measure	Regulation 22.10 of the Patent Regulations (Cth)
Description of Reservation	In order to register to practice in Australia, patent attorneys must: (a) be ordinarily resident in Australia; (b) have an address for service in Australia; and (c) attend a place of business in Australia. A person is taken to be <i>ordinarily resident</i> in Australia if: (a) the person has his or her home in Australia; or (b) Australia is the country of his or her permanent abode even though he or she is temporarily absent from Australia. However, the person is taken not to be ordinarily resident in Australia if he or she resides in Australia for a special or temporary purpose only.

Sector	Professional Services
Sub-sector	Migration advice services
Industry classification	-
Type of Reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Source of Measure	Migration Act 1958 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	To practise as a migration agent in Australia a person must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident or a citizen of New Zealand with a special category visa.

Sector	Professional Services
Sub-sector	Accounting, auditing and book-keeping services
Industry classification	CPC 862
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of	
Measure	
Description of	Only natural persons may be registered as auditors and
Reservation	liquidators.
	At least one equity partner in a firm providing accounting, auditing and book-keeping services must be a permanent resident.

Sector	Professional Services
Sub-sector	Legal Services
Industry classification	861
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Legal Practitioners Act 1981 (SA)
Description of Reservation	A person may practice law in South Australia only if he or she is resident in Australia. A person is not taken to be practising the profession of the law if he or she is only providing legal advice or services relating to the law of a place outside Australia. Foreign natural persons practising foreign law may only join a local law firm as a consultant and may not enter into partnership with or employ local lawyers in South Australia. A company that is a subsidiary of a foreign law firm is not permitted to obtain a practising certificate and is not permitted to share profits with any other company or firm.

Sector	Fishing and Pearling
Sub-sector	
Industry classification	
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Fisheries Management Act 1991 (Cth) Foreign Fishing Licenses Levy Act 1991 (Cth) Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW) Fisheries Act 2002, Fisheries Regulations 2002 (NT) Fisheries Act 1982 (SA) Fisheries Act 1995 (Vic) Fish Resources Management Act 1994 (WA) Pearling Act 1990 (WA)
Description of Reservation:	Commonwealth Foreign fishing vessels¹ seeking to undertake fishing activity in the Australian Fishing Zone must be authorised. Where foreign fishing vessels are authorised to undertake such fishing activity, they may be subject to a levy². New South Wales A foreign person or a foreign-owned body is not permitted to hold shares in a share management fishery. Northern Territory To be granted a fishing license, an applicant must be a resident of Australia or a corporation incorporated within Australia, with all directors or officers residents of Australia. Not more than 49 per cent of shares in the corporation can be held by persons who are not residents of Australia.

¹ For the purposes of fisheries management, a foreign vessel is one that does not meet the definition of an Australian boat, that is, a boat based in Australia which is owned by an Australian resident or corporation.

² The levy charged will be in accordance with the Foreign Fishing Licenses Levy Act 1991 or any

amendments thereto.

South Australia

A foreign person may not have a financial interest in a fishery.

Victoria

A fishery access licence or aquaculture licence can only be issued to a natural person who is an Australian resident; or to a single corporation that has a business premises in Australia.

Western Australia

Foreign investment in the lobster processing sector in Western Australia is limited to 20 per cent.

Licensees under the Pearling Act 1990 must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.

Corporations, partnerships or trusts holding licences under the Pearling Act 1990 must be Australian owned and/or controlled (e.g. at least 51 per cent of the issued share capital, partnership interest or trust property must be owned by Australians; the Chairman, majority of the board of directors and all the company officers must be Australians and must be nominated by and represent Australian interests).

Sector	Oil
Sub-sector	
Industry classification	
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	National Oil Proprietary Limited Agreement Ratification Act 1937 (NSW)
Description of Reservation:	New South Wales
	No foreign person can be a director or a principal officer, and no shares can be held by a foreign corporation, in the National Oil Proprietary Limited company.

Sector	Professional Services
Sub-sector	Customs clearance (services supplied by customs brokers ³)
Industry classification	-
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Customs Act 1901 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	To act as a customs broker in Australia, service providers must provide the service in and from Australia.

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³ Customs brokers may complete customs formalities required by the relevant customs legislation on behalf of the owners of goods prior to their import into or export from Australia. Such formalities include the requirement to complete the import or export entries whereby owners notify the goods being exported or imported, the duty and other taxes payable and whether or not the appropriate permits have been obtained.

Sector	Professional Services
Sub-sector	Medical services, Other Human Health Services
Industry classification	9312, 9319
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cth) Medical Act 2001 (NT) Medical Practitioners Act 1983 (SA) Chiropodists Act 1950 (SA) Chiropractors Act 1991 (SA) Medical Practitioners Registration Act 1996 (Tas) Psychologists Registration Act 2000 (Tas) Physiotherapists Registration Act 1999 (Tas) Medical Radiation Science Professionals Registration Act 2000 (Tas) Chiropractors and Osteopaths Registration Act 1997 (Tas) Optometrists Registration Act 1994 (Tas) Occupational Therapists Registration Act 1980 (WA) Podiatrists Registration Act 1984 (WA) Psychologists Registration Act 1976 (WA)
Description of Reservation	Commonwealth Doctors who have obtained their training outside Australia and registered as medical practitioners in Australia since December 1996 may only bill Medicare for patient consultations in private medical practices if they work in a "district of workforce shortage". Northern Territory Only persons who reside or intend to reside in the Northern Territory may be registered as a medical practitioner in the Northern Territory. South Australia Only persons who reside within Australia may be registered
	as medical practitioners in South Australia. Ownership of medical practices is restricted to Medical Practitioners and their prescribed relatives.

Only persons who reside within South Australia may be registered as chiropodists in South Australia.

Ownership of chiropractic practices is restricted to chiropractors and their prescribed relatives.

Tasmania

Only Australian citizens or persons having a right to residency (permanent or temporary) may practice in Tasmania as medical practitioners, psychologists, physiotherapists, radiation therapists, diagnostic radiographers, nuclear medicine technologists, chiropractors, osteopaths, or optometrists.

Western Australia

Only residents of Western Australia may practice as occupational therapists, podiatrists or psychologists in Western Australia.

Sector	Communication services
Sub-sector	Postal Services
Industry classification	7511
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Australia Post, a wholly-owned government entity, has the exclusive right to issue postage stamps and carry letters within Australia, whether the letters originated within or outside Australia. This includes: - the collection within Australia of letters for delivery within Australia; and - the delivery of letters within Australia. This reservation does not include: - the carriage of a letter weighing more than 250 grams; - the carriage of a letter within Australia for a charge or fee that is at least 4 times the rate of postage that is current at the time for the carriage within Australia of a standard postal article by ordinary post; and - other exceptions to the reserved services set out in Section 30 of the Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989 (Cth).

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⁴ As specified in accordance with the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989* and its subordinate legislation and regulations or any amendments thereto.

Sector	Telecommunications
Sub-sector	
Industry classification	
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Telstra Corporation Act 1991 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Aggregate foreign equity is restricted to no more than 35 per cent of the 49.9 per cent of shares of Telstra that are non-government owned (about 17.5 per cent of total equity). Individual or associated group foreign investment is restricted to no more than 5 per cent of these non-government shares (about 2.5 per cent of total equity). The Chairperson and a majority of directors of Telstra must be Australian citizens and Telstra is required to maintain its head office, main base of operations and place of incorporation in Australia.

Sector	Wholesale trade and retailing services
Sub-sector	Supply of therapeutic goods (medical devices, medicines, blood products) and also chemicals subject to the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme.
Industry classification	
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of	Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (Cth)
Measure	Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	A person ⁵ who imports, exports, manufactures or supplies a therapeutic good ⁶ in Australia must have that product included in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG), unless the product is an exempt good. The person who includes a product in the ARTG must be a resident of Australia, or carrying on business in Australia.
	A person who imports or manufactures industrial chemicals ⁷ in Australia must hold the relevant permit. The person who holds a permit must be a resident of Australia, or carrying on business in Australia.

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⁵ Under the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 "person" includes a body politic or corporate as well as an individual.

 $^{6\} As$ defined in the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 and any future amendments thereto.

⁷ As defined in the NICNAS scheme under the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989 and any future amendments thereto.

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Life insurance services
Industry Classification	8121
Type of reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Source of Measure	Life Insurance Act 1995 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Approval of non-resident life insurers is restricted to subsidiaries incorporated under Australian law.

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Life insurance services
Industry Classification	8121
Type of reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Source of Measure	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Registered foreign life insurance companies are required to have a local agent resident in Australia.

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Non-life insurance services
Industry classification	8129
Type of Reservation	Market Access National Treatment
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Source of Measure	Insurance Act 1973 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	An authorised insurance company operating in Australia as a non-incorporated entity must appoint an Australian resident as agent of the insurer.

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Non-life insurance services
Industry classification	8129
Type of reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Source of Measure	Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Comcare, a Commonwealth Government agency, is the monopoly provider of workers' compensation insurance for Commonwealth Government employees.

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Deposit taking services
Industry Classification	811
Type of reservation	National treatment Market Access
Source of Measure	Banking Act 1959 (Cth) Banking Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1) (Cth) Payment Systems (Regulation) Act 1998 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	To undertake banking business in Australia an entity must be a body corporate and authorised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) as an authorised deposit-taking institution (ADI).
	Foreign deposit-taking institutions (including foreign banks) may only operate a banking business in Australia through locally-incorporated deposit-taking subsidiaries or authorised branches (foreign ADIs), or through both structures.
	Foreign ADIs are subject to a condition which specifically restricts the acceptance of retail deposits. Foreign ADIs are not permitted to accept initial deposits (and other funds) from individuals and non-corporate institutions of less than \$A250,000. They can, however, accept deposits and other funds in any amount from incorporated entities, non-residents and their employees.
	A foreign deposit-taking institution 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.
	Foreign banks located overseas may only raise funds in Australia through the issue of debt securities provided those securities are offered/traded in parcels of not less than \$A500,000 and the securities and any associated information memoranda clearly state the issuing bank is not authorised under the <i>Banking Act 1959</i> in Australia.

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Banking
Industry Classification	-
Type of reservation	National treatment
Source of Measure	Commonwealth Banks Act 1959 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Liabilities of the Commonwealth Bank, previously Commonwealth Government-owned, are covered by transitional guarantee arrangements. Under the <i>Commonwealth Banks Act</i> 1959 (Cth), liabilities of the Commonwealth Bank are guaranteed by the Commonwealth.

Sector	Financial services.
Sub-sector	Banking
Industry Classification	-
Type of reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	AIDC Sale Act 1997 (Cth). Australian Industry Development Corporation Act 1970 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Liabilities of the Australian Industry Development Corporation (AIDC), previously Commonwealth Government-owned, are covered by transitional guarantee arrangements. Under the AIDC Sale Act 1997, liabilities of the former AIDC are guaranteed by the Commonwealth.

Sector:	Financial Services
Sub-Sector:	Insurance
Industry Classification:	
Type of	National Treatment
Reservation:	Market Access
Source of	Road Transport (General) Act 1999 (ACT)
Measure:	Road Transport (Third-Party Insurance (Regulations) 2000 (ACT)
	Motor Accidents Act 1988(NSW)
	Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999 (NSW)
	Motor Accidents Amendment Legislation 2004 (NSW)
	Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act 2002 (NT)
	Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994 (QLD)
	Motor Vehicles Act 1959 (SA)
	Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Act 1973 (Tas)
	Transport Accident Act 1986 (VIC)
	Motor Vehicle (Third Party Insurance) Act 1943 (WA)
Description of	<u>ACT</u>
Reservation:	The ACT does not have a monopoly provider of compulsory motor vehicle third party personal injury insurance. However, there is a local presence requirement so that claims may be lodged. Compulsory third party motor vehicle insurance providers must be authorised by the Minister and premium and policy terms are legislated.
	New South Wales
	Providers of compulsory third party insurance must be licensed. Premium and policy terms are legislated.
	Northern Territory
	Territory Insurance Office is the monopoly provider of personal injury indemnities for Northern Territory drivers covered by the Motor Accident Compensation Act scheme.
	Queensland

Only body corporates carrying on the business of general insurance in Queensland may be licensed to provide Compulsory Third Party (CTP) motor accident insurance in Queensland. Premiums and policy terms are legislated. South Australia

The Minister for Transport must approve providers of Compulsory Third Party bodily injury insurance. The Motor Accident Commission is currently the only approved insurer. Premium and policy terms are legislated.

Tasmania

The Motor Accidents Insurance Board is the designated monopoly provider of compulsory personal injury insurance for motor vehicle accidents for all motor vehicles driven on Tasmanian roads.

Victoria

The Transport Accident Commission is the monopoly provider of compulsory personal injury insurance for accidents arising from the driving of motor vehicles.

Western Australia

The Insurance Commission of Western Australia, a Government business enterprise, is the monopoly provider of compulsory motor vehicle third party personal injury insurance.

Sector:	Financial Services
Sub-Sector:	Workers compensation insurance
Industry Classification:	
Type of Reservation:	National Treatment Market Access
Source of Measure:	Workers Compensation Act 1951 (ACT) Workers Compensation Regulation 2002 (ACT) Workers Compensation Act 1987 (NSW) Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003 (QLD) Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986 (SA) Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 1988 (TAS) Accident Compensation (WorkCover) Act 1993 (VIC) Accident Compensation Act 1985 (VIC) Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 1981 and Insurance Commission of Western Australia Act 1986 (WA)
Description of Reservation:	Australian Capital Territory A workers' compensation insurer must have a place of business in the ACT to offer insurance in the ACT.
	New South Wales Insurers must be licensed and are subject to legislated
	controls on premiums and other terms.
	<u>Queensland</u>
	WorkCover Queensland, an independent statutory authority, is the exclusive provider of workers' compensation insurance in Queensland, except in cases in which employers make internal provisions for workers compensation (self-insure).
	South Australia
	The Work Cover Corporation, a South Australian Government agency, is the monopoly provider of workers compensation services to employers unless they are exempted by regulation.
	<u>Tasmania</u>

Restrictions are maintained by way of licensing provisions and associated controls on premiums and other terms of policies in relation to workers compensation insurance.

Victoria

The Victorian WorkCover Authority is the monopoly provider of workers compensation in Victoria.

Western Australia

The Insurance Commission of Western Australia is the monopoly provider of industrial disease insurance. Premiums and other policy terms are legislated.

Sector	Financial services
Sub sector	Financial markets
Industry classification	
Type of reservation	Market access
Source of Measure	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
Description of Reservation	To obtain an Australian market licence, an applicant must be a body corporate.

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Superannuation
Industry classification	
Type of reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Source of Measure	Superannuation Act 1922 (Cth) Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act 1973 (Cth) Superannuation Act 1976 (Cth) Superannuation Act 1990 (Cth) Establishing legislation of relevant schemes including the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS) and the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS).
Description of Reservation	The Government has a monopoly on administration of Commonwealth civilian sector superannuation schemes and the Commissioner for Superannuation (the CEO of ComSuper – a Commonwealth Government agency) has a monopoly on administration services for certain Commonwealth sector superannuation schemes.

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Managed investments
Industry classification	
Type of reservation	Market access
Source of Measure	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
Description of Reservation	The responsible entity of a registered managed investment scheme must be a public company that holds an Australian financial services licence authorising it to operate a managed investment scheme

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Credit providers, debt collectors and finance brokers
Industry classification	-
Type of reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Second-hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act 2003 (QLD) Credit (Administration) Act 1984 and Credit (Administration) Regulations 1985 (WA) Debt Collectors Licensing Act 1964 and Debt Collectors Licensing Regulations 1964 (WA) Finance Brokers Control Act 1975 (WA) and Finance Brokers (General) Regulations 1977 (WA)
Description of Reservation	Queensland Licensed second-hand dealers and pawnbrokers must have business premises in Queensland. Western Australia
	A natural person (whether alone or in partnership with other persons) or an incorporated body seeking to carry on a business of providing credit in Western Australia (including where the provision of the credit is connected with the carrying on of another business), must have a principal office in Australia and a principal place of business in Western Australia.
	Any person (including an incorporated body) seeking to exercise or carry on the business or any functions of a debt collector in Western Australia, must have a principal place of business in the State.
	A natural person seeking to carry on business as a finance broker in Western Australia must be ordinarily resident in Western Australia. A finance broker must have a registered office in Western Australia while carrying on business as a broker.

Sector	Health Services
Sub-sector	
Industry classification	
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act 1961 (Cth), Part 3
Description of Reservation	The votes attached to significant foreign shareholdings are prevented from being counted in respect to the appointment, replacement or removal of more than one third of CSL's directors who hold office at a particular time. The head office and principal facilities must remain in Australia. Two-thirds of the directors of the board of CSL and the chairperson of any meeting must be Australian citizens. CSL must not seek incorporation outside of Australia.

Sector	Transport
Sub-sector	Maritime transport
Industry classification	-
Type of	National Treatment
Reservation	Market Access
Source of Measure	Shipping Registration Act 1981 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	For a ship to be registered in Australia it must be majority Australian owned unless the ship is designated as chartered by an Australian operator. Every Australian-owned ship (as defined in the Act) is required to be registered under the Act.

Sector	Transport services
Sub-sector	Maritime transport
Industry classification	7211, 7212
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Every ocean carrier that provides international liner cargo shipping services to or from Australia shall, at all times, be represented for the purposes of the Act, by a person who is an individual resident in Australia; has been appointed by the ocean carrier as the ocean carrier's agent for the purposes of the Act; and is specified in the register of ocean carrier agents as the ocean carrier's agent. Part X of the Trade Practices Act 1974 also allows Australian
	flag operators to apply to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to examine whether conference members and non-conference operators with substantial market power are hindering Australian flag shipping operators from engaging efficiently in the provision of outward liner cargo services to an extent which is reasonable.

Sector	Tourism and Travel-related Services
Sub-sector	Travel Agency Services
Industry classification	7471
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Travel Agents Act 1986 (NSW) Travel Agents Regulation_2001 (NSW) Travel Agents Act 1988 (Qld) Travel Agents Act 1985 and Travel Agents Regulations 1986 (WA)
Description of Reservation	New South Wales It is a licence requirement to have an office in NSW. Queensland In order to obtain a licence to operate as a travel agent a person must have a business address in Queensland. Western Australia To carry on business in Western Australia as a travel agent, a person must have a principal place of business in the state.

Sector	Transport
Sub-sector	Air Transport
Industry classification	
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of	Air Services Act 1995 (Cth)
Measure	Air Services Regulations (Cth)
	Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997(Cth) (CAC Act)
Description of Reservation	Airservices Australia, a government owned commercial enterprise, is the monopoly provider of the following services: airspace management, air traffic flow information, air traffic control, traffic and flight information, navigation services, aeronautical information, and aerodrome rescue and fire fighting services.

Sector	Transport
Sub-sector	Air Transport
Industry	-
classification	
Type of	National Treatment
Reservation	Market Access
Source of	Air Navigation Act 1920 (Cth)
Measure	Ministerial Statement
Description of	Total foreign ownership of Australian international airlines (other
Reservation	than Qantas) is restricted to a maximum of 49 per cent.
	Furthermore, it is required that:
	• at least two-thirds of the Board members must be Australian citizens;
	• the Chairperson of the Board must be an Australian citizen;
	• the airline's head office must be in Australia; and
	the airline's operational base must be in Australia.

Sector	Transport
Sub-sector	Air Transport
Industry classification	
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Qantas Sale Act 1992 (Cth)
Description of Reservation	Total foreign ownership of Qantas Airways Ltd is restricted to a maximum of 49 per cent in aggregate, with individual holdings limited to 25 per cent and aggregate holdings by foreign airlines to 35 per cent. In addition:
	 the head office of Qantas must always be located in Australia; the majority of Qantas' operational facilities must be located in Australia; at all times, at least two thirds of the directors of Qantas must be Australian citizens; at a meeting of the board of directors of Qantas, the director presiding at the meeting (however described) must be an Australian citizen; and Qantas is prohibited from taking any action to become incorporated outside Australia.

Sector	Real Estate and Similar Business and Distribution Services
Sub-sector	
Industry classification	
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Community Land Management Act 1989 (NSW) Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 (NSW) Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 (NSW) Agents Licensing Act (NT) Property Agents and Motor Dealers Act 2000 (Qld) Real Estate and Business Agents Act 1978 (WA) Real Estate and Business Agents (General) Regulations 1979 (WA) Settlement Agents Act 1981 and Settlement Agents Regulations 1982 (WA)
Description of Reservation	New South Wales A person cannot be appointed as an agent (for a proprietor of a development lot, neighbourhood lot or strata lot) if they are not an Australian resident. A person cannot be appointed as an agent (for an owner of a lot, for dealings with the owner's corporation) if they are not an Australian resident. To be licensed as a property, stock or business agent in NSW, licensees must have a registered office in New South Wales. Northern Territory
	To practice in the Northern Territory, Real Estate Agents, Business Agents, and Conveyancing Agents must maintain an office in Australia.
	<u>Queensland</u>
	In order to obtain a licence to operate in Queensland as a real estate agent, auctioneer, motor dealer or commercial agent, a person must have a business address in Queensland.
	Western Australia
	A person seeking to carry on business as a real estate or business agent in Western Australia must establish and

maintain a registered office in the State. A person seeking to
carry on business as a settlement agent (conveyancer) in
Western Australia must ordinarily reside in the State and
must establish and maintain a registered office in the State.

Sector	Retail Services
Sub-sector	Pharmaceutical Goods
Industry classification	<u>6321</u>
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Source of Measure	Pharmacists Registration Act 2001 (Tasmania) Pharmacy Act 1964 (WA)
Description of Reservation	Tasmania Only Australian citizens or persons having right to residency (permanent or temporary) may practice as pharmacists in Tasmania.
	Western Australia Only residents of Western Australia may practice as pharmacists in Western Australia.

ANNEX 4-II(A)

AUSTRALIA'S RESERVATIONS TO CHAPTER 7 (TRADE IN SERVICES) AND CHAPTER 8 (INVESTMENT)

Sector	All
Sub sector	-
Industry classification	-
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to the supply of a service by the presence of natural persons, or other movement of natural persons, including immigration, entry or temporary stay, subject to the provisions of the Chapter 11 (Movement of Business Persons).
Existing Measures	-

Sector	All
Sub sector	-
Industry classification	-
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure according preferences to any indigenous person or organisation or providing for the favourable treatment of any indigenous person or organisation in relation to acquisition, establishment or operation of any commercial or industrial undertaking in the service sector. Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to investment that accords preferences to any indigenous person or organisation or providing for the favourable treatment of any indigenous person or organisation. For the purpose of this reservation, an indigenous person means a person of the Aboriginal race of Australia or a descendent of an indigenous inhabitant of the Torres Strait Islands.
Existing Measures	Legislation and ministerial statements at all levels of government including Australia's foreign investment policy, which encompasses the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (Cth) and the Native Title Act (Cth). NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (QLD) Torres Strait Islander Act 1991 (QLD)

Sector	All
Sub sector	-
Industry classification	-
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to proposals by 'foreign interests' to invest in Australian urban land (including interests that arise via leases, financing and profit sharing arrangements and the acquisition of interests in urban land corporations and trusts).
Existing	Australia's foreign investment policy, which comprises the:
Measures	. Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (Cth) (FATA);
	. Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Regulations (Cth); and Ministerial statements.
	Prior Government approval is required where they involve the following acquisition of urban lands:
	 acquisition of developed non-residential commercial real estate, where the property is subject to heritage listing, valued at \$A5 million or more;
	acquisition of developed non-residential commercial real estate, where the property is not subject to heritage listing, valued at \$A50 million or more;
	. acquisition of accommodation facilities irrespective of value;
	. acquisition of vacant urban real estate irrespective of value;
	. acquisition of residential real estate irrespective of value; or
	. proposals where any doubt exists as to whether they are notifiable. (Funding arrangements that include debt instruments having quasi-equity characteristics will be treated as direct foreign investment.)
	A 'foreign interest' is defined as:
	. a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia;
	a corporation in which a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia or a foreign corporation holds a controlling interest;

- a corporation in which 2 or more persons, each of whom is either a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia or a foreign corporation, hold an aggregate controlling interest;
- . the trustee of a trust estate in which a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia or a foreign corporation holds a substantial interest; or
- the trustee of a trust estate in which 2 or more persons, each of whom is either a natural person not ordinarily resident in Australia or a foreign corporation, hold an aggregate substantial interest.

A 'substantial interest' occurs when a single foreigner (and any associates) has 15 per cent or more of the ownership of any corporation, business or trust.

An 'aggregate substantial interest' occurs when several foreigners (and any associates) have, in aggregate, 40 per cent or more of the ownership of any corporation, business or trust.

A 'controlling interest' will be as defined in section 9 of the FATA.

A 'substantial interest in a trust estate' will be as defined in section 9A of the FATA.

Proposed acquisitions of residential real estate are exempt from examination in the case of:

- . Australian citizens living abroad purchasing either in their own name or through an Australian corporation or trust;
- . foreign nationals purchasing (as joint tenants) with their Australian citizen spouse; and
- . foreign nationals who are the holders of permanent resident visas or are holders, or are entitled to hold, a 'special category visa' purchasing either in their own name or through an Australian corporation or trust.

Full details are available at www.firb.gov.au.

Sector	All
Sub sector	-
Industry classification	-
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to:
	a) the devolvement to the private sector of services provided in the exercise of governmental authority at the time that the Agreement comes into force; and
	b) the privatisation of government owned entities or assets.
Existing Measures	

Sector	All sectors and sub-sectors set out in the description of reservation.
Sub sector	-
Industry classification	- CPC Codes as indicated in description of reservation.
Type of Reservation	Market Access
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure at the regional level of government in the following sectors or sub-sectors (with CPC Codes): • Legal services (practice of Australian law) (part of 861); • Medical services (9312); • Services provided by midwives, nurses, physiotherapists and para-medical personnel (93191); • Data base services (844); • Other computer services (849); • R&D services on natural sciences (851); • Interdisciplinary R&D services (853); • Other rental leasing services without operators (832); • Arbitration and conciliation services (86602); • Technical testing and analysis services (8676); • Services incidental to mining (other than consultancy on a fee or contract basis relating to mining and oil field development) (part of 883 and 5115); • Services incidental to energy distribution (other than consultancy services related to transmission and distribution) (part of 887); • Maintenance and repair of equipment (633, 8861, 8866); • Packaging services (876); • Printing, publishing (88442); • Credit reporting services (87901), and collecting agency services (7511); • Courier services (7511); • Courier services (7511); • Courier services (7511); • Courier services (7512); • Other construction services (511,515,518); • Sales of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles, and of parts and accessories (6111, 6113, 6121) • Retail sales of pharmaceutical, medical and orthopaedic goods (63211); • Adult education (924);

	• Other education services (other than English language tuition) (part of 929);
	 Hospital services (9311);
	 Other human health services (other than podiatry and chiropody) (part of 9319)
	 Social services (933);
	 Maritime transport services (maintenance and repair of vessels) (8868);
	 Maritime transport services (pushing and towing services) (7214);
	 Maritime transport services (supporting services) (745)
	• Internal waterways transport (721, 745, 8868);
	• Space transport (733);
	• Rail transport services (711, 743);
	 Urban and suburban regular and special transportation (71211, 71212);
	 Road transport (rental of commercial vehicles with operator) (7124);
	• Road transport (maintenance and repair of road transport equipment) (6112, 8867);
	 Road transport (supporting services for road transport services) (744);
	• Cargo handling services (741).
Existing Measures	

Sector	All
Sub-sector	-
Industry classification	-
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to the provision of public law enforcement and correctional services, and the following to the extent that they are social services established for a public purpose: income security or insurance, social security or insurance, social welfare, public education, public training, health, child care, public utilities and public transport.
Existing Measures	

Sector	Agriculture
Sub-sector	-
Industry	-
classification	
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measures
Reservation	with respect to marketing boards.
Existing	Wheat Marketing Act 1989 (Cth)
Measures	Grain Marketing Act 1991 (NSW)
	Marketing of Primary Products Act 1983 (NSW)(1)
	Sugar Industry Act 1999 (Qld)
	Barley Marketing Act 1993 (SA)
	Marketing of Potatoes Act 1946 (WA),
	Potato Marketing Regulations 1989 (WA)
	Marketing of Eggs Act 1945 (WA)
	Grain Marketing Act 2002 (WA)

(1)This Act covers:

- (a) any grain, cereal, fruit (fresh, dried or canned), vegetable, livestock, meat, hay, chaff, poultry (live or dead), honey, beeswax or other product of agriculture, grazing, poultry-farming or bee-keeping in New South Wales, and
- (b) any dairy produce (including butter and cheese) and any other article prepared directly from the produce of agriculture, grazing, poultry-farming or bee-keeping in New South Wales.

The Act does not include wool, fresh milk, eggs or any coarse grain, oilseed or other primary product to which the *Grain Marketing Act 1991* for the time being applies.

Sector	Media
Sub-sector	-
Industry classification	-
Type of Reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to foreign investment in the media sector, including broadcasting, audiovisual services and newspapers.
Existing Measures	(a) Australia's foreign investment policy, which comprises the:
	- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (Cth);
	- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Regulations; and Ministerial Statements.
	All proposals by foreign interests for direct (i.e., non-portfolio) investment in the media sector irrespective of size are subject to prior approval under the Government's foreign investment policy. Proposals involving portfolio shareholdings of 5 per cent or more must also be submitted for examination.
	Foreign investment in mass circulation national, metropolitan, suburban and provincial newspapers is restricted. All proposals by foreign interests to acquire an interest of 5 per cent or more in an existing newspaper or to establish a new newspaper in Australia are subject to case-by-case examination.
	For national and metropolitan newspapers, the maximum permitted aggregate foreign interest direct (non-portfolio) investment/involvement is 30 percent with any single foreign shareholder limited to a maximum interest of 25 per cent.
	For provincial and suburban newspapers, aggregate foreign interest direct involvement is limited to less than 50 per cent for non-portfolio shareholdings.
	Financial arrangements designed to avoid limits are treated as if they were directly covered.

(b) The Broadcasting Services Act 1992 (Cth) (BSA).

While proposals for a foreign person to acquire an interest in an existing broadcasting service or to establish a new broadcasting service are subject to case-by-case examination under foreign investment policy, the following criteria must also be satisfied.

Foreign interests in commercial television broadcasting services are limited to a 15 per cent company interest for individuals and a 20 per cent company interest in aggregate. A foreign person is prohibited from being in a position to exercise control of a commercial television licence. The BSA outlines when such control is deemed to exist. No more than 20 percent of the directors of each commercial television licensee may be foreign persons.

For each subscription television broadcasting licence, foreign interests are limited to a 20 per cent company interest for an individual and a 35 per cent company interest in aggregate.

Financial arrangements designed to avoid limits are treated as if they were directly covered.

Sector	Communication Services, and Recreational, Cultural and Sporting Services
Sub-sector	Broadcasting and audiovisual, entertainment and cultural services
Industry classification	-
Type of Reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to: - the creative arts, 8 cultural heritage 9 and other cultural industries, including audiovisual services, entertainment services and libraries, archives, museums and other cultural services; - broadcasting and audiovisual services, including measures with respect to planning, licensing and spectrum management, and including: . services offered in Australia; . international services originating from Australia.
Existing Measures	Broadcasting Services Act 1992 (Cth) Radiocommunications Act 1992 (Cth) There are minimum Australian content requirements for commercial television.

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⁸ 'Creative arts' include: the performing arts – including theatre, dance and music – visual arts and craft, literature, film, television, video, radio, creative on-line content, indigenous traditional practice and contemporary cultural expression, and digital interactive media and hybrid arts work which uses new technologies to transcend discrete artform divisions.

⁹ 'Cultural heritage' includes: ethnological, archaeological, historical, literary, artistic, scientific or technological moveable or built heritage, including the collections which are documented, preserved and exhibited by museums, galleries, libraries, archives and other heritage collecting institutions.

Sector	Wholesale trade services and retail trade services
Sub-sector	Wholesale trade services and retail trade services of alcoholic beverages and tobacco.
Industry classification	6222, 6310
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to wholesale trade services of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.
	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to retail trade services of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.
Existing	Liquor Act 1992 (NSW)
Measures	Kava Management Act 2001 (NT)
	Liquor Act 1992 (QLD)
	Wine Industry Act 1994 (QLD)
	Liquor Licensing Act 1997 (SA) Liquor Licensing Act 1990 (TAS)
	Liquor Licensing Act 1990 (TAS) Liquor Licensing Act 1988 (WA)

Sector	Education services
Sub-sector	Primary education services
Industry classification	921
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure
Reservation	with respect to primary education.
Existing	-
Measures	

Sector	Education services
Sub-sector	Education services other than primary education services
Industry classification	922, 923, 924, 929
Type of Reservation	National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to the supply of educational services through commercial presence.
Existing Measures	

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Insurance and insurance related services.
Industry classification	-
Type of reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to cross border supply or consumption abroad of insurance intermediation, such as brokerage and agency. Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to cross border supply or consumption abroad of direct life and non-life insurance (including co-insurance), other than insurance of risks relating to maritime shipping, commercial aviation, space launching, freight (including satellites) and goods in international transit.
Existing Measures	-

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)
Industry classification	-
Type of reservation	National treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to the guarantee by the Commonwealth government of Commonwealth government-owned entities which may conduct financial operations.
Existing Measures	

Sector	Financial services
Sub-sector	Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance).
Industry classification	-
Type of reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to cross-border supply of banking and other financial services including intermediation, but not including the provision and transfer of financial information, financial data processing and related software by suppliers of other financial services, advisory and other auxiliary services.
Existing Measures	-

Sector	Gambling and Betting
Sub-sector	-
Industry classification	-
Type of Reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to adopt or maintain any measure with respect to gambling and betting.
Existing Measures	Legislation and ministerial statements including the Interactive Gambling Act 2001(Cth). Casino Control Act 1988 (ACT) Betting (ACTTAB) Act 1964 (ACT) Interactive Gambling Act 1998 (ACT) Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001 (ACT) Gaming Machine Act 1987 (ACT) Pool Betting Act 1964 (ACT) Casino Control Act 1992 (NSW) Racing Administration Act 1998 (NSW) Lotteries and Art Unions Act 1901 (NSW) Totalizator Act 1987 (NSW) TAB Queensland Limited Privatisation Act 1999 (QLD) Casino Control Act 1982 (QLD) Jupiters Casino Agreement Act 1983 (QLD) Racing Act 2002 (QLD) Casino Act 1997 (SA) Lottery and Gaming Act 1936 (SA) Independent Gambling Authority Act 2001 (SA) Gaming Machines Act 1966 (SA) Racing Act 1976 (SA) Authorised Betting Operations Act 2000 (SA) Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Act 1985 (WA) Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003 (WA) Gaming and Wagering Commission Act 1987 (WA) Betting Control Act 1954 (WA) Casino Control Act 1984 (WA) Lotteries Commission Act 1990 (WA)

Sector	Maritime Transport
Sub-sector	Coastal shipping
Industry classification	7211, 7212
Type of Reservation	Market Access National Treatment
Description of Reservation	Australia reserves the right to maintain or adopt any measure with respect to maritime cabotage services and offshore transport services.
	For the purposes of this reservation, cabotage is defined as the transportation of passengers or goods between a port located in Australia and another port located in Australia and traffic originating and terminating in the same port located in Australia.
	Offshore transport refers to shipping services involving the transportation of passengers or goods between a port located in Australia and any location associated with or incidental to the exploration or exploitation of natural resources of the continental shelf of Australia, the seabed of the Australian coastal sea and the subsoil of that seabed.
Existing Measures	Navigation Act 1912 (Cth) supported by Migration Act 1958 (Cth), Customs Act 1901 (Cth), Workplace Relations Act 1996 (Cth), Seafarers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 1992 (Cth), Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993 (Cth), Shipping Registration Act 1981 (Cth) and Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cth) Currently, authorisation to carry coastal cargo is subject to compliance with relevant provision of the above legislation.

Sector	Transport
Sub-sector	-
Industry classification	-
Type of	Market Access
Reservation	National Treatment
Description of	Australia reserves the right to maintain or adopt any measure
Reservation	with respect to investment in federal leased airports.
Existing	Airports Act 1996 (Cth)
Measures	Airports (Ownership-Interests in Shares) Regulations 1996 (Cth) Airports Regulations 1997 (Cth)

ANNEX 4-III: ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS TO CHAPTER 7 (TRADE IN SERVICES) AND CHAPTER 8 (INVESTMENT)

(III) WAIVER AND MODIFICATIONS OF STATUTORY CONDITIONS GOVERNING JOINT LAW VENTURES AND FORMAL LAW ALLIANCES IN SINGAPORE

Singapore undertakes to waive and modify the following statutory conditions governing joint law ventures and formal law alliances set out in the Legal Profession (International Services) Rules (2002 Revised Edition) for Australian law firms that wish to set up joint law ventures and formal law alliances with Singapore law firms in Singapore:

- (i) Rule 2(1)(a)/Rule 2(1)(c): To extend legal expertise and experience requirements of the firm in a joint law venture from banking and finance work to include any of the related areas identified as "Tier 1" and "Tier 2" legal software in the 1999 Report of the Legal Services Review Committee.
- (ii) Rule 2(1)(b)/Rule 13(1)(b): Reduce the total number of not less than 5 foreign lawyers required to be resident in Singapore by waiving this condition and modifying it to provide as follows: "the foreign law firm has not less than 3 foreign lawyers resident in Singapore, at least 2 of whom shall be equity partners in the foreign law firm...".
- (iii) Rule 2(1)(c)/Rule 13(1)(c): Aggregate the experience requirements of the foreign lawyers in the foreign law firm by waiving this condition and modifying it to provide as follows: "the 3 foreign lawyers (referred to in Rule 2(1)(b)/Rule 13(1)(b) above) must have an aggregate of at least 15 years of relevant legal expertise and experience.....".
- (iv) Rule 4(1)(g): For Australian lawyers working in joint law ventures who wish to practise Singapore law, waive and reduce the requirement of having at least 5 years to 3 years of relevant legal expertise or experience in banking or finance work or any of the related areas identified as "Tier 1" and "Tier 2" legal software in the 1999 Report of the Legal Services Review Committee.

(v): A Joint Law Venture involving an Australian law enterprise shall be allowed to practice corporate law in addition to banking and finance law.

(V) NOTE TO SINGAPORE'S COMMITMENTS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Singapore agrees, consistent with its policy of granting more wholesale bank licenses that, from 1 August 2005, the quantitative limit on the number of wholesale bank licences is removed for Australian banks. The granting of wholesale bank licences will be subject to admission criteria as stipulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Singapore Legal Profession Act (Chapter 161, Sections 130I and 130J) Legal Profession (International Services) Rules

Application for registration as Joint Law Venture

- 2.—(1) A foreign law firm and a Singapore law firm shall be eligible to make a joint application under section 130B of the Act for registration as a Joint Law Venture if they satisfy all of the following conditions:
- (a) the foreign law firm and the Singapore law firm must have relevant legal expertise and experience in banking and finance work which are acceptable to the Attorney-General;
- (b) the foreign law firm has not less than 5 foreign lawyers resident in Singapore, at least 2 of whom shall be equity partners in the foreign law firm or, in the case of a foreign law firm constituted as a corporation, at least 2 of whom shall be directors of such corporation;
- (c) the foreign lawyers referred to in sub-paragraph (b) must have at least 5 years of relevant legal expertise and experience in banking or finance work

Eligibility to practise Singapore law

- 4. —(1) No foreign lawyer shall be registered to practise Singapore law unless he —
- (g) has at least 5 years of relevant legal expertise or experience in banking or finance work

Application for registration as Formal Law Alliance

- 13. —(1) A foreign law firm and a Singapore law firm shall be eligible to make a joint application under section 130D of the Act for registration as a Formal Law Alliance if they satisfy all of the following conditions:
- (b) the foreign law firm has not less than 5 foreign lawyers resident in Singapore, at least 2 of whom shall be equity partners in the foreign law firm or, in the case of a foreign law firm constituted as a corporation, at least 2 of whom shall be directors of such corporation