## ANNEX I SCHEDULE OF BAHRAIN

**Sectors:** Certain Sectors

**Obligation Concerned:** Local Presence (Article 10.5)

**Level of Government:** Central

**Existing Measures:** Legislative Decree No. 1 of 1961, the Commercial Register Law,

as amended.

**Description:** Except where the service is supplied on behalf of a Bahraini

enterprise, in order for persons of the other Party to supply a service in the following sectors, through the presence of a natural person in the territory of Bahrain, such persons must maintain a place of business in Bahrain in order to comply with commercial

registration requirements:

Accounting, Financial Auditing, Bookkeeping, and Related

Services;

Advertising Services;

Architectural and Engineering Services;

Car Rental Services;

Census, Market Research, and Public Opinion Polling; Construction Services and Construction Related Services;

Construction Services and Construction Tenace

Consultancy and Management Services;

Debt Collection Services;

Legal Services;

Private Security Guard Services;

Publishing and Printing;

Real Estate Services;

Services Incidental to Mining;

**Small Business Services:** 

Terrestrial over the Air Radio, Television, and Satellite Transmission and Subscription Services in the Territory of

Bahrain;

Tourism – Hotel Operations and Management;

Transportation Services;

Travel Agency Tour Operators and Tourist Guide Services; and

Wholesale and Retail Services.

Notwithstanding paragraph 1, each U.S. service supplier who is licensed and authorized in the United States to supply the following professional services may apply for up to three

temporary licenses to supply such services through the presence of

natural persons in the territory of Bahrain without having to maintain a place of business in Bahrain. Each temporary license shall be for an initial period of 12 months, and may be renewed for a further period of up to 12 months:

Accounting, Book-keeping and Related Services;
Architectural and Engineering Services;
Construction and Construction Related Services;
Consultancy and Management Services;
Services Incidental to Mining; and
Terrestrial over the Air Radio, Television, and Satellite
Transmission and Subscription Services in the Territory of Bahrain.

For greater certainty, such temporary licenses shall be granted in accordance with Article 10.7 (Domestic Regulation).

Phase out:

Within three years of the date of entry into force of this Agreement, Bahrain will phase out the local presence requirement in the following sectors:

Advertising Services; Car Rental Services; Consultancy and Management Services; Debt Collection Services; Transportation Services; and Travel Agency Tour Operators and Tourist Guide Services.

Within seven years of the date of signature of this Agreement, Bahrain will phase out the local presence requirement in the following sectors:

Accounting, Financial Auditing, and Bookkeeping Services; Architectural and Engineering Services; Services Incidental to Mining; and Construction and Construction Related Services.

For greater certainty, nothing in this non-conforming measure shall be construed to permit Bahrain to prohibit the cross-border supply of services, as defined in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of Article 10.13 (Definitions), in any sector.

**Sector:** Legal Services

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 10.2)

**Concerned:** Most-Favored-Nation Treatment (Article 10.3)

Level of Central

**Government:** 

Measures: Legislative Decree No. 26 of 1980 with respect to Promulgating

the Legal Practice Act, as amended;

Legislative Decree No. 3 of 1983 Concerning the Treatment to be Afforded to GCC Nationals in Respect of Economic Activities in

Bahrain, as amended;

Legislative Decree No. 24 of 1987 with respect to approving the Charter of the Arabian Gulf States Co-operation Council, as

amended; and

Legislative Decree No. 7 of 2002 with respect to approving the

Economic Agreement Between the GCC Member States.

**Description:** Only qualified lawyers who are citizens of Bahrain or the Gulf

Cooperation Council (GCC) Member States and licensed by the Bahraini authorities may supply legal services in the territory of Bahrain, including representing clients before law courts,

arbitration tribunals, police departments, and administrative commissions of a judicial nature in the territory of Bahrain.

Notwithstanding paragraph 1, non-Bahraini and non-GCC lawyers, resident in Bahrain, may supply legal services in the territory of Bahrain, other than representing clients before law courts, arbitration tribunals, police departments, and administrative commissions of a judicial nature, if employed by a

lawyer licensed to practice law in Bahrain.

For greater certainty, legal consultants of the other Party, either as individuals or firms, may supply legal services in Bahrain, with respect to the laws of countries other than Bahrain, upon obtaining a license from the Bahraini authorities, if the individual providing the legal advice is licensed to practice in the jurisdiction with respect to which he is providing the advice.

**Sector:** Advertising

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 10.2)

**Concerned:** Most-Favored-Nation Treatment (Article 10.3)

Level of Central

**Government:** 

**Measures:** *Ministerial Order No. 4 of 1995 with respect to determining the* 

Activities Undertaken by Closed Joint Stock Companies and Companies With Limited Liability Fully Owned by Non-

Bahrainis;

Article 347 of Legislative Decree No. 21 of 2001, The

Commercial Companies' Law; and

Legislative Decree No. 47 of 2002 with respect to Regulating the

Press, Printing and Publications.

**Description:** Non-Bahraini or non-GCC persons may provide advertising

services in the territory of Bahrain only through:

(a) a branch office of a foreign company as provided by Article 347 of *Legislative Decree No. 21 of 2001, The Commercial Companies' Law*; or

(b) a 100 percent foreign owned company established in Bahrain that is either a Joint Closed Stock Company or a With Limited Liability Company, which uses Bahrain as a principal place for the distribution of its services.

Such entities must be managed by a Bahraini citizen who is permanently resident in Bahrain.

For greater certainty, this non-conforming measure only applies to advertising services involving the creation or public transmission of advertising in the territory of Bahrain. Nothing in this non-conforming measure shall be construed to allow Bahrain to prohibit U.S. service suppliers outside the territory of Bahrain who do not maintain an office in Bahrain from selling advertising space on programming being transmitted into Bahrain via satellite to a Bahraini person in the territory of Bahrain.

**Phase-out:** This non-conforming measure shall be phased-out within five years of the

date of entry into force of this Agreement.

**Sector:** Publishing – Local Newspapers and Periodicals

Obligations Concerned:

National Treatment (Article 10.2)

Level of

Central

**Government:** 

**Measures:** Legislative Decree No. 47 of 2002 with respect to Regulating the

Press, Printing and Publications.

**Description:** Only Bahraini citizens may publish local newspapers and local

periodicals in the territory of Bahrain. For greater certainty, only

Bahraini citizens may own local media enterprises.

**Sector:** Publishing

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 10.2)

**Concerned:** Most-Favored-Nation Treatment (Article 10.3)

**Level of** Central

**Government:** 

**Measures:** *Ministerial Order No. 4 of 1995 with respect to determining the* 

Activities Undertaken by Closed Joint Stock Companies and Companies With Limited Liability Fully Owned by Non-

Bahrainis;

Article 347 of Legislative Decree No. 21 of 2001,

The Commercial Companies' Law; and

Legislative Decree No. 47 of 2002 with respect to Regulating the

Press, Printing and Publications.

**Description:** Non-Bahraini or non-GCC persons may supply publishing

services in the territory of Bahrain only through:

(a) a branch office of a foreign company as provided by

Article 347 of Legislative Decree No. 21 of 2001, The

Commercial Companies' Law; or

(b) a 100 percent foreign owned company established in Bahrain that is either a Joint Closed Stock Company or a With Limited Liability Company, which uses Bahrain as a

principal place for the distribution of its services.

Such entities must be managed by a Bahraini citizen who is

permanently resident in Bahrain.

**Phase-out:** This non-conforming measure shall be phased out within five

years of the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

**Sector:** Freight and Cargo Services

**Obligations** Market Access (Article 10.4) **Concerned:** 

Level of Central

**Government:** 

**Measures:** The Law of Ports of 1962, as amended.

**Description:** The Government of Bahrain reserves the right to be the exclusive

supplier of cargo handling services at government-owned ports and/or to limit the number of concessions for the supply of such

services.

Although vessels that are equipped with cargo handling gear may perform their own loading and unloading using the vessel's crew, subject to prior authorization, customary port tariffs including cargo handling fees will be assessed to the vessel's master. **Sector:** Customs Clearance Services

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 10.2)

**Concerned:** Most-Favored-Nation Treatment (Article 10.3)

**Level of** Central

**Government:** 

**Measures:** Legislative Decree No. 10 of 2002 with respect to approving the

Customs Regulation (Law) of the GCC Member States.

**Description:** Only Bahrain and GCC persons may supply customs clearance

services.

**Sector:** Pilotage and Berthing Services

**Obligations** National Treatment (Article 10.2)

Concerned:

**Level of** Central

**Government:** 

Measures: Legislative Decree No. 23 of 1982 promulgating the Maritime

Code, as amended.

**Description:** Only Bahraini-flagged vessels may supply towing services, and

only Bahraini nationals may supply pilotage services, in

Bahrain's territorial waters.

**Sector:** Coastal Water Transportation Services

**Obligations** 

National Treatment (Article 10.2)

**Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central

**Government:** 

Measures: Legislative Decree No. 23 of 1982 promulgating the Maritime

Code, as amended.

**Description:** Only Bahraini-flagged vessels may supply coastal water

transportation services, as well as water transportation between

Bahrain seaports.

**Sector:** Energy Services – Wholesale distribution of petroleum products

**Obligations** 

**Concerned:** Market Access (Article 10.4)

Level of

**Government:** Central

Measures: Legislative Decree No. 25 of 1980 establishing the Supreme Oil

Council.

**Description:** Only the state-owned Bahrain Petroleum Company may engage

in the wholesale distribution of petroleum products.

**Sector:** Energy Services – Water Distribution Services

**Obligations** Market Access (Article 10.4) **Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central **Government:** 

Measures: Legislative Decree No. 1 of 1996 with respect to Electricity and

Water.

**Description:** Only the Government of Bahrain may supply water distribution

services through pipelines.

**Sector:** Energy Services – Electricity Distribution Services

**Obligations** Market Access (Article 10.4)

**Concerned:** 

Level of Central

**Government:** 

Measures: Legislative Decree No. 1 of 1996 with respect to Electricity and

Water.

**Description:** Only the Government of Bahrain may supply electricity

distribution and transmission services.

**Sector:** Telecommunication Services

**Obligations Concerned:** 

Local Presence (Article 10.5)

Level of

Central

Government:

Measures:

Legislative Decree No. 1 of 1961, the Commercial Register Law,

as amended; and

Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002, the Telecommunications Law.

**Description:** Where a license is required to supply telecommunication services

in the territory of Bahrain, Bahrain requires that:

(a) the licensed applicant be a juridical entity, or a branch of a foreign company incorporated or licensed to

operate in the territory of Bahrain; and

(b) substantially all the infrastructure and personnel associated with the supply of the service be located in the territory of Bahrain.

**Sector:** Telecommunication Services

**Obligations** Market Access (Article 10.4)

**Concerned:** 

**Level of** Central

**Government:** 

**Measures:** Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002, the Telecommunications Law.

**Description:** Bahrain reserves the right to limit the number of

telecommunication service suppliers in the mobile

telecommunications sector to two operators until 31December

2005.

**Sector:** Real Estate Services

**Obligations Concerned:** 

National Treatment (Article 10.2)

Level of

Central

**Government:** 

**Measures:** Legislative Decree No. 7 of 1987, the Law of Commerce, as

amended; and

Article 347 of Legislative Decree No. 21 of 2001, the

Commercial Companies' Law.

**Description:** In order to supply real estate services in the territory of Bahrain,

non-Bahraini citizens must have a Bahraini partner who holds at least 51 percent of the capital of the business; or establish a branch office of a foreign enterprise in the territory of Bahrain.

**Sector:** Islamic Pilgrimage Services

**Sub-sector:** Islamic Pilgrimages

**Industry** 

**Classification:** 

**Obligations** 

National Treatment (Article 10.2)

**Concerned:** 

Level of Government:

Central

Measures: Legislative Decree No. 26 of 1976 with respect to Regulating the

Affairs of Hajj and Umra, as amended.

**Description:** Only Bahraini citizens resident in Bahrain may supply Hajj and

Umra services.