

Annex

Supplements and Amendments VIII to the Mainland's Specific Commitments on Liberalization of Trade in Services for Hong Kong^①

Sectors or sub-sectors	1. Business services A. Professional services a. Legal services (CPC861)
Specific commitments	1. To further develop closer cooperation between the legal professions of the Mainland and Hong Kong, and to explore ways of improving the mode of association of law firms of the two places. 2. To consider broadening the scope of businesses of Hong Kong residents who have acquired Mainland legal professional qualification and hold a Mainland lawyer's practice certificate in acting as agents in civil litigation cases in the Mainland relating to Hong Kong residents and juridical persons.

^① Sectoral classification is based on WTO's GATS Services Sectoral Classification List (GNS/W/120). For the contents of the sectors, reference is made to the relevant CPC, United Nations Provisional Central Product Classification.

Sectors or sub-sectors	<p>1. Business services</p> <p>A. Professional services</p> <p>d. Architectural services (CPC8671)</p> <p>e. Engineering services (CPC8672)</p> <p>f. Integrated engineering services (CPC8673)</p> <p>g. Urban planning and landscape architectural services (except general urban planning) (CPC8674)</p>
Specific commitments	<p>1. Hong Kong professionals, who have obtained Mainland’s construction professional qualifications through mutual recognition, are allowed to register and practise in Guangdong and enjoy the same treatment as Mainland professionals having the same professional qualifications</p> <p>2. Hong Kong professionals, who have obtained Mainland’s class 1 registered architect qualification through mutual recognition, are recognized as registered practitioners for the purpose of declaration of engineering design enterprise qualifications within Guangdong, in accordance with the relevant Mainland regulations.</p> <p>3. Hong Kong professionals, who have obtained Mainland’s class 1 registered structural engineer qualification through mutual recognition, are recognized as registered practitioners for the purpose of declaration of engineering design enterprise qualifications within Guangdong, in accordance with the relevant Mainland regulations.</p>

Sectors or sub-sectors	1. Business services
	C. Research and Development Services
	c. Inter-disciplinary research and experimental development services (CPC853)
Specific commitments	To allow Hong Kong service suppliers to provide inter-disciplinary research and experimental development services on natural sciences in the Mainland on an equity joint venture, contractual joint venture or wholly-owned basis.

Sectors or sub-sectors	1. Business services
	F. Other business services
	e. Technical testing and analysis services (CPC8676) Product testing services (CPC7490)
Specific commitments	<p>To expand, on the basis of Supplement VII to the CEPA, the scope of product testing that can be undertaken by testing organizations in Hong Kong for the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) System to all existing products processed in Hong Kong that require CCC. These testing organizations have to be accredited by the accreditation body of the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (i.e. the Hong Kong Accreditation Service) to be capable of performing testing for the relevant products under the CCC System.</p>

Sectors or sub-sectors	1. Business services
	F. Other business services
	i. Services incidental to manufacturing (CPC884 excluding 88442, CPC885)
Specific commitments	To allow Hong Kong service suppliers to provide services incidental to manufacturing (except for prohibited categories in the “Catalogue for the Guidance of Foreign Investment Industries”) in the Mainland on an equity joint venture, contractual joint venture or wholly-owned basis.

Sectors or sub-sectors	1. Business services
	F. Other business services
	k. Placement and supply services of personnel (CPC872)
Specific commitments	The minimum registered capital required for Hong Kong service suppliers to set up human resources service providers in the human resources service industrial parks approved by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security follows the requirements applicable to Mainland enterprises in the municipality where the industrial park is located.

Sectors or sub-sectors	<p>4. Distribution services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Commission agents' services (excluding salt and tobacco) B. Wholesale trade services (excluding salt and tobacco) C. Retailing services (excluding tobacco) D. Franchising
Specific commitments	<p>For the same Hong Kong service supplier which opens more than 30 stores accumulatively in the Mainland and sells different types and brands of commodities (including staple food) coming from multiple suppliers, the Hong Kong service supplier is allowed, on a pilot basis, to operate in Guangdong on a wholly-owned basis.</p>

Sectors or sub-sectors	7. Financial services
	A. All insurance and insurance-related services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Life, accident and health insurance services (CPC8121) b. Non-life insurance services (CPC8129) c. Reinsurance and retrocession (CPC81299) d. Services auxiliary to insurance (including broking and agency services) (CPC8140)
Specific commitments	<p>To allow Hong Kong insurance brokerage companies to set up wholly-owned insurance agency companies in Guangdong Province (including Shenzhen) on a pilot basis. The place of operation should be in Guangdong Province (including Shenzhen), and the applicant must fulfill the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The applicant should have been operating insurance brokerage businesses in Hong Kong for over 10 years; (2) The applicant's average annual business revenue for the past 3 years before application should not be less than HK\$500,000 and the total assets as at the end of the year before application should not be less than HK\$500,000; (3) Within 3 years before application, there has been no serious misconduct and record of disciplinary action; and (4) The applicant should have set up a representative office in the Mainland for over one year.

Sectors or sub-sectors	7. Financial services
	<p data-bbox="480 421 1155 521">B. Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance and securities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="539 557 1372 640">a. Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public <li data-bbox="539 663 1372 792">b. Lending of all types, including consumer credit, mortgage credit, factoring and financing of commercial transactions <li data-bbox="539 815 900 853">c. Financial leasing <li data-bbox="539 875 1372 1093">d. All payment and money transmission services, including credit, charge and debit cards, travellers cheques and bankers drafts (including import and export settlement) <li data-bbox="539 1115 1134 1153">e. Guarantees and commitments <li data-bbox="539 1176 1372 1258">f. Trading for own account or for account of customers: foreign exchange
Specific commitments	<p data-bbox="443 1308 1362 1435">To allow any Mainland-incorporated banking institution established by a Hong Kong bank to engage in the sale and distribution of mutual funds.</p>

Sectors or sub-sectors	7. Financial services
	B. Banking and other financial services
	Securities Futures
Specific commitments	<p>1. To continue to support qualified Mainland financial institutions engaged in securities activities to set up subsidiaries in Hong Kong and to operate businesses in accordance with law.</p> <p>2. To deepen cooperation between the Mainland and Hong Kong in financial services and products development, and to allow investments in the Mainland securities market by means of the RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor scheme.</p>

Sectors or sub-sectors	8. Health related and social services
	A. Hospital services
	Hospital Services (CPC9311)
Specific commitments	In addition to Shanghai Municipality, Chongqing Municipality, Guangdong Province, Fujian Province and Hainan Province, Hong Kong service suppliers are allowed to set up wholly-owned hospitals in all municipalities directly under the Central Government and provincial capitals in the Mainland. ^①

^① Subject to the Mainland's requirements on the setting up of wholly-owned hospitals by foreign investment.

Sectors or sub-sectors	<p>9. Tourism and travel related services</p> <p>A. Hotel (including apartment buildings) and restaurants (CPC 641-643)</p> <p>B. Travel agency and tour operator services (CPC 7471)</p> <p>C. Tourist guides services (CPC 7472)</p> <p>Others</p>
Specific commitments	<p>Optimizing the current “144-hour facilitation visa” policy in Guangdong Province through relaxing the requirement to pre-register the outbound control point, and reviewing the requirement regarding tour size at an appropriate juncture.</p>

Sectors or sub-sectors	10. Recreational, cultural and sporting services
	C. Library, archive, museum and other cultural services (CPC963)
Specific commitments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To further develop closer cooperation between the library sectors in the Mainland and Hong Kong, and to explore potential cooperation in the provision of library services. 2. To allow Hong Kong service suppliers to provide, in the form of wholly-owned operations, professional services for libraries in the Mainland. 3. To allow Hong Kong service suppliers to provide, in the form of wholly-owned operations, professional services for museums in the Mainland.

Sectors or sub-sectors	11. Transport services
	F. Road Transport Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passenger transportation (CPC7121, CPC7122) b. Freight transportation (CPC7123) c. Rental of commercial vehicles with operator (CPC7124) d. Maintenance and repair of road transport equipment (CPC6112, CPC8867) e. Supporting services for road transport services (CPC744)
Specific commitments	To introduce examination papers in traditional Chinese characters for Hong Kong drivers participating in the Mainland driving licence examinations and to designate an examination venue in Shenzhen for Hong Kong drivers to facilitate access.

Sectors or sub-sectors	Service sectors (sectors not set out in GNS/W/120)
	Qualification examinations for professionals and technicians
Specific commitments	To allow eligible Hong Kong permanent residents to take the qualification examination for land surveyors in the Mainland, and a certificate will be issued to those who pass the examination.

Sectors or sub-sectors	Service sectors (sectors not set out in GNS/W/120)
	Individually owned stores
Specific commitments	<p>1. To allow Hong Kong permanent residents with Chinese citizenship to set up, in accordance with the relevant Mainland laws, regulations and administrative regulations, individually owned stores in all provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government in the Mainland without being subject to the approval procedures applicable to foreign investments, to provide the following services (excluding franchising operation):</p> <p>(1) The following items of Packaging Services under the Leasing and Commercial Service Industry: the provision of services of commodities classification, sub-packing and packaging, freshness preservation, labelling, mark-stamping etc. for shopping malls, supermarkets or other customers; the provision of goods assorting, sub-packing and packaging services specifically for chain stores or supermarkets; the services of delivery companies (centres) which provide mainly goods assorting, sub-packing and packaging services; the provision of sub-packing and packaging as well as re-packaging services for general products; gift wrapping services.</p> <p>(2) The following items of Office Services under the Leasing and Commercial Service Industry: the design and production services of signs and bronze plaques; the design and production services of trophies, plaques, medals and silk banners.</p> <p>(3) Craft activities which are mainly for the</p>

purpose of leisure and entertainment (pottery, sewing, painting etc.) under Indoor Entertainments.

2. To relax the restrictions on the number of persons engaged in the operation and the business area of individually owned stores set up by Hong Kong permanent residents with Chinese citizenship in all provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government in the Mainland:

(1) No more than 10 persons should be engaged in the operation of the individually owned stores.

(2) The business area for retailing services; food and beverage services; hair dressing, beauty treatment and health care services, bathing services and repair services of home electrical appliances and other goods for daily uses under residents services and other services; import and export of goods and technologies; photography and photographic processing services; washing, cleaning and dyeing services; repair and maintenance of motor vehicles and motorcycles; and storage and warehousing should not exceed 500 square metres.