



Statistics notification: requirements under the revised GPA and potential future role of e-GPA in fulfilling obligations

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Notification requirements on statistics under the revised GPA: the legal text



Article XVI: Transparency of Procurement Information

- ✓ Information Provided to Suppliers
- ✓ Publication of Award Information
- ✓ Maintenance of Documentation, Reports and Electronic Traceability
- ✓ Collection and Reporting of Statistics
(Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6)

Specific requirements



Who

- Each Party

Which scope

- Statistics on contracts covered by the GPA

How frequently

- Every year
- Within two years of the end of reporting period

What

- See next slide

Different requirements for procuring entities in different Annexes



Annex 1
entities

Annex 2 &
3 entities



Annex 1 entities

- ❑ the number and the total value of **all covered contracts**;
 - to assess the overall market size
- ❑ the number and the total value of all covered contracts awarded by **each entity**, broken down **by categories of goods and services** according to an internationally recognized uniform classification system; and
 - to identify main market opportunities
- ❑ the number and the total value of all covered contracts awarded by each entity under **limited tendering** .
 - to assess the extent of market opening



Annex 2 & 3 entities

- ❑ the number and the total value of all covered contracts awarded by **all entities**, broken down by **Annex**.



In case not feasible ...

Estimates should be provided with an explanation of the methodology used to develop the estimates.

Further simplification / facilitation



Alternatives: substitute the data by the website address with any necessary instructions where

- a Party publishes its statistics on an official website, in a manner that is consistent with the afore-mentioned requirements;
- A Party requires notices concerning awarded contracts to be published electronically and such notices are accessible to the public in a form permitting analysis of the covered contracts.

Improvements and challenges



- ✓ **Less burdensome** for the notifying Party, since the obligations have been simplified compared with those under the GPA 1994.
- ❖ **Remaining challenges** to be addressed: how could the notified data be efficiently used?

Current status of notifications on statistics



Where you can find all statistics reports?

✓ Option 1: search in the **WTO docs online** system.

✓ Option 2: visit the **GPA website**

(https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/notnat_e.htm)

Examples: Chinese Taipei; Hong Kong, China; Japan.



Future

- ✓ Option 3: **e-GPA portal** (under construction).

The same content, but more user-friendly, comparable between those of different Parties, and easy to be analysed.

Work programme on Collection and Reporting of Statistical Data (1)



Decision by the GPA Committee as a part of the outcomes of the GPA renegotiation (see Annex D of GPA/113).

Purpose: review the collection and reporting of statistical data by the Parties, consider the potential harmonizing them.

Status quo: submissions presenting their respective practices have been received from the European Union; Japan; Canada; Chinese Taipei; Singapore; Hong Kong China; Switzerland; Norway. The submissions include information on the methodology of data collecting, the availability of information on country of origin, the classifications; and the sources of data.

Work programme on Collection and Reporting of Statistical Data (2)



Potential outcomes from the work programme:

- ✓ Recommendations on possibilities to have the common method for collection of statistics; the standardization of classifications; means for facilitating the collection of country of origin information.
- ✓ Recommendations on potential harmonization of statistical reporting; Secretariat's technical assistance relating to statistical reporting to WTO Members that are in the GPA accession process.
- ✓ Recommendations on means of ensuring that acceding Members have the appropriate means for complying with statistical data collection and reporting requirements.
- ✓ Better use of the statistics to facilitate greater understanding of the economic importance of the Agreement.