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OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

To evaluate extent of
progress in services
liberalization by APEC
Economics towards
meeting the Bogor Goals

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METHODOLOGY OF STUDY

Necessary to determine

- choice of sectors
 - sources of information
 - years of examination
 - typology of restrictions
 - modes of supply
- Set out in Annex I on Definitions, Sources and Methodology

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CHOICE OF SERVICE SECTORS

Three sectors chosen for examination

representative sample of interest for both
developed and developing APEC economies

1. Telecommunications
2. Construction/ Related Engineering Services
3. Distribution

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Four data sources chosen

to provide as complete a set of information as possible on
APEC economies

1. WTO Schedules of Commitments
2. WTO Trade Policy Reviews
3. APEC Individual Action Plans
4. Annexes to Regional Trade Agreements

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YEARS OF EXAMINATION

Dependent upon data source

with goal of reviewing most recent and up-to-date
information possible from various fora (multilateral and
regional)

1. WTO Schedules of Commitments - 1994 Schedules; 1997 for Telecom – Protocol IV
2. WTO Trade Policy Reviews – all reports between 1999 - 2005
3. APEC Individual Action Plans – all IAPS between 2001 to 2004
4. Annexes to Regional Trade Agreements – year of agreement

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TYPOLGY OF RESTRICTIONS

Adapted from WTO GATS Agreement and studies by other multilateral/ regional institutions - necessary to simplify somewhat to bring study within manageable proportions

MARKET ACCESS NATIONAL TREATMENT
4 categories 2 categories

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TYPOLGY OF RESTRICTIONS

MARKET ACCESS

1. Restriction on foreign ownership
2. Restriction on entrance (licenses, QRs)
3. Restriction on competition
4. Restriction on type of legal entity

NATIONAL TREATMENT

1. Restriction on nationality/ residence
2. Any other type of national treatment restriction

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MODES OF SERVICE SUPPLY

THREE OF FOUR MODES EXAMINED, IN TWO CATEGORIES

1. CROSS-BORDER TRADE (Modes 1 and 2 under WTO GATS)
2. COMMERCIAL PRESENCE (Mode 3 under WTO GATS)

➤ Note: Mode 4 not taken into consideration, as not enough information available in WTO Schedules and often excluded from RTAs

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TYPOLOGY OF RESTRICTIONS

Three types of entries in order to standardize all sources of information in the tables:

- LIBERALIZED = no restrictions in place (green)
- PARTIALLY LIBERALIZED = some type of restriction in place, without judging degree of restrictiveness (yellow)
- NOT LISTED or NO COMMITMENT = no information provided on the sector (red)

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CHALLENGES OF RESEARCH

- NATURE OF RESTRICTIONS TO SERVICES TRADE – REGULATORY MEASURES
- DIFFICULTY OF QUANTIFYING RESTRICTIVE IMPACT OF EXISTING MEASURES, ONCE IDENTIFIED
- VOLUME OF INFORMATION TO EXAMINE – 295 pages of summary tables alone
- DEVELOPING A CONSISTENT APPROACH ACROSS SOURCES IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO COMPARE THEM
- HOW TO DEAL WITH HORIZONTAL MEASURES IN THE ANALYSIS

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS OF STUDY

- State of Liberalization of APEC Economies in the Services Area far from Bogor Goals

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL TO BE DONE; SERVICES LIBERALIZATION IS FAR FROM ACHIEVED IN APEC; MANY RESTRICTIONS REMAIN; INFORMATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT IS INCOMPLETE; RTAs HAVE GONE MUCH FURTHER

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I. EXAMINING WTO SERVICES COMMITMENTS BY APEC ECONOMIES

Summary of Existing Restrictions on Services as set out in Schedules of Commitments for 18 APEC Economies – WTO Members

1. Telecommunications
2. Construction /Related Engineering Services
3. Distribution

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Telecommunications Services (1)

Country	Service	Commitment	
		Mode 1	Mode 2
Australia	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Australia	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Brazil	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Brazil	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Canada	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Canada	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
China	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
China	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Hong Kong, China	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Hong Kong, China	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Indonesia	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Indonesia	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Japan	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Japan	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Korea, Rep. of	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Korea, Rep. of	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Malaysia	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Malaysia	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized

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Telecommunications Services (2)

Country	Service	Commitment	
		Mode 1	Mode 2
Mexico	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Mexico	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
New Zealand	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
New Zealand	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Papua New Guinea	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Papua New Guinea	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Peru	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Peru	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Philippines	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Philippines	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Singapore	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Singapore	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Chinese Taipei	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Chinese Taipei	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Thailand	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
Thailand	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
United States	Fixed Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized
United States	Mobile Telephony	Liberalized	Liberalized

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Construction and Related Engineering Services

Country	Service	Commitment	
		Mode 1	Mode 2
Australia	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Australia	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Canada	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Canada	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
China	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
China	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Hong Kong, China	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Hong Kong, China	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Indonesia	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Indonesia	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Japan	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Japan	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Korea, Rep. of	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Korea, Rep. of	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Malaysia	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Malaysia	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
New Zealand	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
New Zealand	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Philippines	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Philippines	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Singapore	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Singapore	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Chinese Taipei	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Chinese Taipei	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Thailand	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Thailand	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
United States	Construction Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
United States	Engineering Services	Liberalized	Liberalized

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Distribution Services (1)

Country	Service	Commitment	
		Mode 1	Mode 2
Australia	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Brazil	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Canada	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
China	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Hong Kong, China	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Indonesia	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Japan	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Korea, Rep. of	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Malaysia	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized

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Distribution Services (2)

Country	Service	Commitment	
		Mode 1	Mode 2
Mexico	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
New Zealand	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Papua New Guinea	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Peru	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Philippines	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Singapore	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Chinese Taipei	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
Thailand	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized
United States	Distribution Services	Liberalized	Liberalized

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Comments on GATS Commitments

- More commitments in telecom sector than any other, and more recent; EVEN SO
- 1. Sectoral and modal coverage uneven by APEC Members
- 2. Information incomplete - several missing commitments
- 3. Liberalization incomplete :
 - 27% of telecom sector liberalized;
 - 16% construction sector liberalized;
 - 26% distribution sector liberalized;

II. EXAMINING WTO TRADE POLICY REVIEWS FOR APEC ECONOMIES

Summary of Information available in WTO Trade Policy Reviews between 1999-2005 for 17 APEC Economies

1. Information on Telecom Sector for 17 Economies
2. Information on Construction/Engineering for 2 Economies
3. Information on Distribution for 1 Economy

Telecommunications Services (1)

		Construction/Engineering	Distribution	Telecom
Australia	Basic Telecom Services			
Australia	Mobile Telecom Services			
Australia	Fixed Telecom Services			
Australia	Other Telecom Services			
Canada	Basic Telecom Services			
Canada	Mobile Telecom Services			
Canada	Fixed Telecom Services			
Canada	Other Telecom Services			
China	Basic Telecom Services			
China	Mobile Telecom Services			
China	Fixed Telecom Services			
China	Other Telecom Services			
Hong Kong, China	Basic Telecom Services			
Hong Kong, China	Mobile Telecom Services			
Hong Kong, China	Fixed Telecom Services			
Hong Kong, China	Other Telecom Services			
Indonesia	Basic Telecom Services			
Indonesia	Mobile Telecom Services			
Indonesia	Fixed Telecom Services			
Indonesia	Other Telecom Services			
Japan	Basic Telecom Services			
Japan	Mobile Telecom Services			
Japan	Fixed Telecom Services			
Japan	Other Telecom Services			
Korea, Rep. of	Basic Telecom Services			
Korea, Rep. of	Mobile Telecom Services			
Korea, Rep. of	Fixed Telecom Services			
Korea, Rep. of	Other Telecom Services			
Malaysia	Basic Telecom Services			
Malaysia	Mobile Telecom Services			
Malaysia	Fixed Telecom Services			
Malaysia	Other Telecom Services			

Telecommunications Services (2)

		Construction/Engineering	Distribution	Telecom
Mexico	Basic Telecom Services			
Mexico	Mobile Telecom Services			
Mexico	Fixed Telecom Services			
Mexico	Other Telecom Services			
New Zealand	Basic Telecom Services			
New Zealand	Mobile Telecom Services			
New Zealand	Fixed Telecom Services			
New Zealand	Other Telecom Services			
Papua New Guinea	Basic Telecom Services			
Papua New Guinea	Mobile Telecom Services			
Papua New Guinea	Fixed Telecom Services			
Papua New Guinea	Other Telecom Services			
Peru	Basic Telecom Services			
Peru	Mobile Telecom Services			
Peru	Fixed Telecom Services			
Peru	Other Telecom Services			
Philippines	Basic Telecom Services			
Philippines	Mobile Telecom Services			
Philippines	Fixed Telecom Services			
Philippines	Other Telecom Services			
Singapore	Basic Telecom Services			
Singapore	Mobile Telecom Services			
Singapore	Fixed Telecom Services			
Singapore	Other Telecom Services			
Chinese Taipei	Basic Telecom Services			
Chinese Taipei	Mobile Telecom Services			
Chinese Taipei	Fixed Telecom Services			
Chinese Taipei	Other Telecom Services			
Thailand	Basic Telecom Services			
Thailand	Mobile Telecom Services			
Thailand	Fixed Telecom Services			
Thailand	Other Telecom Services			
United States	Basic Telecom Services			
United States	Mobile Telecom Services			
United States	Fixed Telecom Services			
United States	Other Telecom Services			

Comments on Trade Policy Reviews

- Studies are infrequent; only one review per APEC economy (other than PNG, Peru and United States) for past six years
- 1. Minor part of TPRs devoted to services – no in-depth coverage
- 2. Information only available for telecom but not for construction/engineering or distribution
- 3. Description of measures are very general; difficult to make coincide with other sources
- 4. Telecom liberalization incomplete :
 - 19% of telecom sector liberalized

III. EXAMINING APEC INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLANS (IAPs)

Summary of Information available in APEC Individual Action Plans between 2000/2001 and 2004 or most recent year for 18 APEC Economies

1. Information on Telecom Sector for 18 Economies
2. Information on Construction/Engineering for 16 Economies
3. Information on Distribution for 18 Economies

Telecommunications Services

		Construction/Engineering	Distribution	Telecom
Australia	Basic Telecom Services			
Australia	Mobile Telecom Services			
Australia	Fixed Telecom Services			
Australia	Other Telecom Services			
Canada	Basic Telecom Services			
Canada	Mobile Telecom Services			
Canada	Fixed Telecom Services			
Canada	Other Telecom Services			
China	Basic Telecom Services			
China	Mobile Telecom Services			
China	Fixed Telecom Services			
China	Other Telecom Services			
Hong Kong, China	Basic Telecom Services			
Hong Kong, China	Mobile Telecom Services			
Hong Kong, China	Fixed Telecom Services			
Hong Kong, China	Other Telecom Services			
Indonesia	Basic Telecom Services			
Indonesia	Mobile Telecom Services			
Indonesia	Fixed Telecom Services			
Indonesia	Other Telecom Services			
Japan	Basic Telecom Services			
Japan	Mobile Telecom Services			
Japan	Fixed Telecom Services			
Japan	Other Telecom Services			
Korea, Rep. of	Basic Telecom Services			
Korea, Rep. of	Mobile Telecom Services			
Korea, Rep. of	Fixed Telecom Services			
Korea, Rep. of	Other Telecom Services			
Malaysia	Basic Telecom Services			
Malaysia	Mobile Telecom Services			
Malaysia	Fixed Telecom Services			
Malaysia	Other Telecom Services			
New Zealand	Basic Telecom Services			
New Zealand	Mobile Telecom Services			
New Zealand	Fixed Telecom Services			
New Zealand	Other Telecom Services			
Papua New Guinea	Basic Telecom Services			
Papua New Guinea	Mobile Telecom Services			
Papua New Guinea	Fixed Telecom Services			
Papua New Guinea	Other Telecom Services			
Peru	Basic Telecom Services			
Peru	Mobile Telecom Services			
Peru	Fixed Telecom Services			
Peru	Other Telecom Services			
Philippines	Basic Telecom Services			
Philippines	Mobile Telecom Services			
Philippines	Fixed Telecom Services			
Philippines	Other Telecom Services			
Singapore	Basic Telecom Services			
Singapore	Mobile Telecom Services			
Singapore	Fixed Telecom Services			
Singapore	Other Telecom Services			
Chinese Taipei	Basic Telecom Services			
Chinese Taipei	Mobile Telecom Services			
Chinese Taipei	Fixed Telecom Services			
Chinese Taipei	Other Telecom Services			
Thailand	Basic Telecom Services			
Thailand	Mobile Telecom Services			
Thailand	Fixed Telecom Services			
Thailand	Other Telecom Services			
United States	Basic Telecom Services			
United States	Mobile Telecom Services			
United States	Fixed Telecom Services			
United States	Other Telecom Services			
Viet Nam	Basic Telecom Services			
Viet Nam	Mobile Telecom Services			
Viet Nam	Fixed Telecom Services			
Viet Nam	Other Telecom Services			

Construction and Related Engineering Services

	Construction/Engineering	Distribution	Telecom
Australia			
Canada			
China			
China			
Hong Kong, China			
Indonesia			
Japan			
Malaysia			
Mexico			
New Zealand			
Papua New Guinea			
Peru			
Singapore			
Chinese Taipei			
United States			
Vietnam			

Distribution Services

	Construction/Engineering	Distribution	Telecom
Australia			
Canada			
China			
China			
Hong Kong, China			
Indonesia			
Japan			
Korea, Rep. of			
Malaysia			
Mexico			
New Zealand			
Papua New Guinea			
Peru			
Philippines			
Singapore			
Chinese Taipei			
United States			
Vietnam			

Comments on APEC IAPs

➤ Available in electronic form since 2000 but four APEC Economies have not submitted any IAPs.

- 1. Gaps in IAP coverage for years and sectors
- 2. No information provided on cross-border trade (modes 1 and 2); only on commercial presence (mode 3)
- 3. Comparison with other sources difficult as description of measures is very general – no classification numbers
- 4. Information not updated every year; little changes between 2000 and 2004 in majority of IAPs that tend to repeat WTO GATS commitments
- 4. Liberalization incomplete :
 - 18% of telecom sector liberalized;
 - 13% construction sector liberalized;
 - 14% distribution sector liberalized

IV. EXAMINING REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (RTAs)

Summary of Information available in Annexes to Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) among APEC Member Economies

Restrictions on Services as set out in the Lists of Non-Conforming Measures (i.e. those measures that do not comply with the core disciplines of the agreement, namely to liberalize MFN, national treatment, market access, cross-border supply)

11 REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS examined involving APEC ECONOMIES

- RTAs adopting a "negative list" approach examined
- ANZCERTA: Australia-New Zealand 1989 – 1999 annex
 - NAFTA: Canada-Mexico-USA 1994
 - FTA: Canada – Chile 1997
 - FTA: Chile – Mexico 1999
 - CEP: New Zealand – Singapore 2001
 - FTA: USA – Chile 2004
 - FTA: USA – Singapore 2004
 - FTA: Korea-Chile 2004
 - FTA: USA – Australia 2005
 - EPA: Japan – Mexico 2005
 - EPA: Brunei-Chile-NZ-Singapore 2006

Telecommunications Services: Without Horizontal Reservations

Country	Year	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3
Australia	2000			
Canada	2000			
Chile	2000			
China	2000			
Colombia	2000			
Costa Rica	2000			
Cuba	2000			
Czech Republic	2000			
Ecuador	2000			
El Salvador	2000			
Guatemala	2000			
Hong Kong	2000			
India	2000			
Indonesia	2000			
Japan	2000			
Korea	2000			
Malaysia	2000			
Mexico	2000			
New Zealand	2000			
Peru	2000			
Philippines	2000			
Russia	2000			
Singapore	2000			
Taiwan	2000			
Thailand	2000			
USA	2000			
Vietnam	2000			

Construction and Related Engineering Services: Without Horizontal Reservations

Country	Year	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3
Australia	2000			
Canada	2000			
Chile	2000			
China	2000			
Colombia	2000			
Costa Rica	2000			
Cuba	2000			
Czech Republic	2000			
Ecuador	2000			
El Salvador	2000			
Guatemala	2000			
Hong Kong	2000			
India	2000			
Indonesia	2000			
Japan	2000			
Korea	2000			
Malaysia	2000			
Mexico	2000			
New Zealand	2000			
Peru	2000			
Philippines	2000			
Russia	2000			
Singapore	2000			
Taiwan	2000			
Thailand	2000			
USA	2000			
Vietnam	2000			

Distribution Services: Without Horizontal Reservations

Country	Year	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3
Australia	2000			
Canada	2000			
Chile	2000			
China	2000			
Colombia	2000			
Costa Rica	2000			
Cuba	2000			
Czech Republic	2000			
Ecuador	2000			
El Salvador	2000			
Guatemala	2000			
Hong Kong	2000			
India	2000			
Indonesia	2000			
Japan	2000			
Korea	2000			
Malaysia	2000			
Mexico	2000			
New Zealand	2000			
Peru	2000			
Philippines	2000			
Russia	2000			
Singapore	2000			
Taiwan	2000			
Thailand	2000			
USA	2000			
Vietnam	2000			

Telecommunications Services: With Horizontal Reservations

Country	Year	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3
Australia	2000			
Canada	2000			
Chile	2000			
China	2000			
Colombia	2000			
Costa Rica	2000			
Cuba	2000			
Czech Republic	2000			
Ecuador	2000			
El Salvador	2000			
Guatemala	2000			
Hong Kong	2000			
India	2000			
Indonesia	2000			
Japan	2000			
Korea	2000			
Malaysia	2000			
Mexico	2000			
New Zealand	2000			
Peru	2000			
Philippines	2000			
Russia	2000			
Singapore	2000			
Taiwan	2000			
Thailand	2000			
USA	2000			
Vietnam	2000			

Construction and Related Engineering Services: With Horizontal Reservations

Country	Year	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3
Australia	2000			
Canada	2000			
Chile	2000			
China	2000			
Colombia	2000			
Costa Rica	2000			
Cuba	2000			
Czech Republic	2000			
Ecuador	2000			
El Salvador	2000			
Guatemala	2000			
Hong Kong	2000			
India	2000			
Indonesia	2000			
Japan	2000			
Korea	2000			
Malaysia	2000			
Mexico	2000			
New Zealand	2000			
Peru	2000			
Philippines	2000			
Russia	2000			
Singapore	2000			
Taiwan	2000			
Thailand	2000			
USA	2000			
Vietnam	2000			

Distribution Services: With Horizontal Reservations

Country	Year	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3
Australia	2000			
Canada	2000			
Chile	2000			
China	2000			
Colombia	2000			
Costa Rica	2000			
Cuba	2000			
Czech Republic	2000			
Ecuador	2000			
El Salvador	2000			
Guatemala	2000			
Hong Kong	2000			
India	2000			
Indonesia	2000			
Japan	2000			
Korea	2000			
Malaysia	2000			
Mexico	2000			
New Zealand	2000			
Peru	2000			
Philippines	2000			
Russia	2000			
Singapore	2000			
Taiwan	2000			
Thailand	2000			
USA	2000			
Vietnam	2000			

Comments on APEC RTAs

➤ Annexes of most RTAs examined quite recent

- 1. RTAs under the "negative list" approach require comprehensive sectoral coverage as well as complete information on all outstanding restrictions (or "non-conforming measures")
- 2. These RTAs thus provide greater transparency and greater information than other service agreements
- 3. Two types of non-conforming measures: sector-specific and horizontal ; difficulty is in dealing with the horizontal measures, to determine their impact.
- 4. **Liberalization under RTAs has gone further than under WTO or APEC IAPs but is still incomplete.**

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Services Liberalization under RTAs

➤ Taking into account Horizontal Measures:

- TELECOM 33 % telecom sector liberalized
- CONSTRUCTION/ ENG 45 % sector liberalized
- DISTRIBUTION 40 % distribution sector liberalized

➤ With only Sectoral Measures:

- TELECOM 64 % telecom sector liberalized
- CONSTRUCTION/ ENG 88 % construction sector liberalized
- DISTRIBUTION 84 % distribution sector liberalized

NOTE: IN BOTH CASES, LIBERALIZATION MORE ADVANCED

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WHERE HAS SERVICES LIBERALIZATION GONE FURTHER – in APEC?

➤ Have any APEC Members gone beyond WTO GATS commitments in their APEC IAPs?

TELECOM : One economy has gone further (Singapore); but 5 economies have provided more information in WTO context (Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Chinese Taipei, United States)

CONSTRUCTION/ ENGINEERING SERVICES: Three economies have gone further (Chile, Peru, Singapore) but 5 economies have provided more information/ liberalization in WTO context (Canada, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States)

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES Five economies have provided more information in APEC IAPs (Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines), but 7 economies have provided more information/ liberalization in WTO context (Australia, PRC/China, Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States)

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WHERE HAS SERVICES LIBERALIZATION GONE FURTHER – in RTAs?

➤ Have any APEC Members gone beyond WTO liberalization in their RTAs?

TELECOM : Yes – members of 7 RTAs have gone further in liberalization

CONSTRUCTION/ ENGINEERING SERVICES : Yes – members of 7 RTAs have gone further in liberalization

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES: Yes – members of 8 RTAs have gone further in liberalization

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Conclusions

- Services liberalization in APEC still has a long ways to go.
- APEC Members are not close to meeting the Bogor Goals.
- Information provided on services liberalization in the APEC context is often not as complete as that in the WTO or in RTAs.
- **The regional forum or RTAs have produced greater liberalization of services to date by APEC Members through "negative list" RTAs; however membership of these RTAs is limited and there is no obligation to extend this treatment to other economies.**

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