# ASEAN – HONG KONG, CHINA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

CHAPTER 8 TRADE IN SERVICES

**ANNEX 8-1** 

SCHEDULES OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

**SCHEDULE OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM** 

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
I. HORIZONTAL COMMITME	ENTS		
ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE	3) Unbound for measures concerning foreign equity or interest in companies established or wishing to establish a commercial presence unless otherwise specified in the specific commitments.	<ul> <li>With respect to existing commercial presence:         <ul> <li>One of the 2 directors or where there are more than 2 directors at least 2 of them shall be ordinarily resident in Brunei Darussalam.</li> <li>All companies incorporated outside Brunei Darussalam which establish or have established a place of business in Brunei Darussalam must have one or more locally resident agents to accept service of process and any service of process or any notices required to be served on the company.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	4) Unbound except for measures concerning the entry and temporary presence of intra- corporate transferees at the level of managers, executives and	4) Unbound except for measures concerning the categories of natural persons referred to in the market access column.	

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	specialists. Intra-corporate		
	transferees refer to		
	managers, executives and		
	specialists, as defined		
	below, who are employees		
	of firms that provide		
	services within Brunei		
	Darussalam through a		
	branch, subsidiary, or		
	affiliate established in		
	Brunei Darussalam and		
	who have been in the prior		
	employ of their firms outside		
	Brunei Darussalam for a		
	period of not less than one		
	year immediately preceding		
	the date of their application for admission and who are		
	one of the following:		
	one of the following.		
	(a) Managers - persons		
	within an organisation		
	who primarily direct the		
	organisation, or a		
	department or sub-		
	division of the		
	organisation, supervise		
	and control the work of		
	other supervisory,		
	professional or		
	managerial employees,		
	have the authority to		
	hire and fire or		

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	commend hiring, firing		
	or other personnel		
	actions (such as		
	promotion or leave		
	authorisation), and		
	exercise discretionary		
	authority over day-to-		
	day operations. Does not include first-line		
	supervisors, unless the		
	employees supervised		
	are professionals, nor		
	does it include		
	employees who		
	primarily perform tasks		
	necessary for the		
	provision of the service.		
	(b) Executives - persons		
	within the organisation		
	who primarily direct the		
	management of the		
	organisation, exercise wide latitude in decision-		
	making and receive only		
	general supervision or		
	direction from higher-		
	level executives, the		
	board of directors, or		
	stockholders of the		
	business. Executives		
	would not directly		
	perform tasks related to		

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Sector of Sub-Sector	the actual provision of the service or services of the organisation.  (c) Specialists - persons within an organisation who possess knowledge at an advanced level of expertise and who possess proprietary knowledge of the organisation's service,	Treatment	Additional Commitments
	research equipment, techniques, or management. (Specialists may include, but are not limited to, members of licensed professions).		
	Entry for these intra- corporate transferees is limited to a three year period that may be extended for up to two additional years for a total term not to exceed five years.		

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II.	SECTOR-SPECIFIC COMI	MITMENTS		
1.	<b>BUSINESS SERVICES</b>			
A.	Professional Services		,	
b)	Auditing services (CPC 862)	<ol> <li>Foreign-based auditors (public accountants) are allowed to provide public accountancy services in Brunei Darussalam in accordance to Accountants Order, 2010 and approved by the Ministry of Finance through the Public Accountants Oversight Committee (PAOC).</li> <li>Foreign-based auditors are allowed to audit local accounts provided they are authorised by the Ministry of Finance.</li> </ol>	1) & 2) Professional accountants who intend to become a Public Accountant must possess the following prescribed by the Ministry of Finance:  a) Pass examination in accountancy from any recognized professional accountancy body listed below:  (i) Certified Practising Accountant Australia  (ii) Association of Chartered Accountants of Australia  (iii) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia  (iv) The Institute of Chartered	

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		Accountants of Canada	
		(v) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales	
		(vi) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ireland	
		(vii)The Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand	
		(viii) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland	
		b) Relevant audit practical experience of not less than three (3) years cumulatively within a five (5) year period.	
		c) Fulfil 40 units/hours of Continuous Professional Education (CPE) requirements.	

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	Public Accountant who	d) Must be a member of Brunei Institute of Certified Public Accountants (BICPA) as National Accountancy Body.  3) a) To maintain a location	
	intends to set up a business in Brunei Darussalam must adhere to Part V of the Accountants Order and it is	Programme i.e. employ 75% local in audit related posts.	
	subject to approval by the Ministry of Finance.	b) For applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of Brunei:	
		i) Must be residing in Brunei for at least 90 days in one year;	
		ii) Must have one local partner who is a Public Accountant at the same firm.	
		For foreign applicants who cannot fulfil requirements in (b) above may be considered if he/she satisfies other requirements	

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		with regards to any other requirements prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.	
	Unbound except as indicated under horizontal measures.	Unbound except as indicated under horizontal measures.	
(d) Architectural Service (CPC 8671)	1) None, other than plans should be submitted through licensed practising architects and a registered partnership.	1) None	
	2) None	2) None	
	<ul> <li>i) The corporation must be registered as a company or a firm in accordance with Companies Act or Business Name Act respectively.</li> <li>ii) Foreign equity participation shall not exceed 45%.</li> <li>iii) Companies or firm must be registered with the Ministry of Development.</li> </ul>	3) Unbound	

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iv) The Board of Directors of a company must comply with the requirements of the relevant professional legislation related to architects and must be registered with the Ministry of Development.  4) In addition to those indicated in the horizontal section, the licensed practising architects should have recognised academic and professional qualifications and registered as "qualified persons" with the Ministry of Development. Qualified persons or licensed architects are registered if they have been one year residence in Brunei and practising with a local licensed architect.	4) Unbound	

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(h)	Medical and dental services	1)	None	1)	None	
	(CPC 9312)	2)	None	2)	None	
		3)	None	3)	None	
		4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal measures.	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal measures.	
B.	Computer and Related Se	rvice	es .	<u> </u>		
	(a) Consultancy services related to installation of	1)	None	1)	None	
	computer hardware	2)	None	2)	None	
	(b) Software implementation	3)	Commercial presence is permitted only through a company which is registered	3)	None	
	(c) Data processing services		in Brunei Darussalam.			
	(d) Database services (CPC 841, 842, 843, 844, 845 + 849)	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal measures.	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal measures.	

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E.	Rental/Leasing Services	withc	out Operators	1		
b)	Rental/leasing services relating to aircraft without operators (CPC 83104)	1)	Aircraft must be certified. Entry to Brunei Darussalam is subject to approval and limitations on the basis of infrastructure capacity.	1)	None	
		2)	None	2)	None	
		3)	Unbound except:	3)	Unbound	
			(a) Only through a representative office; or			
			<ul><li>(b) Only by appointment of a General Sales Agent, that is Bruneian Controlled Company; and</li></ul>			
			(c) Permanent address in Brunei Darussalam is required with respect to (a).			
		4)	Unbound except with respect to (b), one technical post subject to:	4)	Unbound except as indicated under horizontal measures (in order to practice a licensed	
			- Local availability test,		profession in Brunei Darussalam the following conditions must be met:	

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	<ul> <li>Designation of a specified number of Brunei trainees.</li> </ul>	(a) residency; (b) registration).	
2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
C. Telecommunication Services		,	
1. Local service 1) (a) Public switched voice telephone services 2) (b) (a) 4)	Subject to commercial arrangements with licensed operator(s).  Unbound  Subject to licence by the appropriate regulatory authority and Brunei Darussalam Companies' Act. Local public switched voice telephone services are provided exclusively by JTB which is a government department.  Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	<ol> <li>Unbound</li> <li>Unbound</li> <li>None except as indicated in the horizontal section.</li> </ol> 4) None except as indicated in the horizontal section.	The period of exclusivity for local public switched voice telephone services will be extended for up to 10 years after privatisation of JTB. The government will conduct a review of policy with respect to whether to permit additional suppliers of such services upon the expiry of this period.  The period of exclusivity for the two operators expires in year 2010. The government will conduct a review of policy with respect to whether to permit additional suppliers of such services upon the expiry of this period.  Issuance of a licence to provide public cellular mobile telephone services employing other than AMPS and GSM technologies
4)	indicated in the horizontal	'	additional services period.  Issuance public ce services

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				interest and economic conditions justify the issuance of such licence.
2. (a)	International service Public switched voice	Subject to commercial arrangements with licensed operator(s).	1) Unbound	
	telephone services	2) Unbound	2) Unbound	
		3) Subject to licence by the appropriate regulatory authority and Brunei Darussalam Companies' Act. International public switched voice telephone services are exclusively provided by JTB (government department) and DSTCom (private company).	3) None except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
		4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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3. (a)	Mobile services  Public cellular mobile telephone service	Subject to commercial arrangements with licensed operator(s).	1)	Unbound	
	totophone convice	2) Unbound	2)	Unbound	
		3) Subject to licence by the appropriate regulatory authority and Brunei Darussalam Companies' Act. International public switched voice telephone services are exclusively provided by JTB (government department) and DSTCom (private company).	3)	None except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
		4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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(c)	Circuit-switched data transmission services (CPC 7523**)	None except service     provider must use Public     Telecom Network under     Government National     Telecom Authority Control.	1)	None	
		2) None	2)	None	
		3) Unbound	3)	Unbound	
		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(d)	Telex services (CPC 7523**)	1) None	1)	None	The period of exclusivity for these services will be extended
(e)	Telegraph services	2) None	2)	None	for up to one year 2016. The government will conduct a review
	(CPC 7522**)	3) Subject to license by the appropriate regulatory authority and Brunei Darussalam Companies' Ac These services are being provided exclusively by TelBru Sdn Bhd.	3)	None, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	of policy with respect to whether to permit additional suppliers of such services upon the expiry of the period.
		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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(f)	Facsimile services (CPC 7521** + CPC 7529**)	None except service     provider must use Public     Telecom Network under     Government National     Telecom Authority Control.	None	
		2) None	None	
		3) Unbound	Unbound	
		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(h)	Electronic mail (CPC 7523**)	None except service     provider must use Public     Telecom Network under     Government National     Telecom Authority Control.	None	
		2) None	None	
		3) Unbound	Unbound	
		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
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(j)	On-line information and database retrieval (CPC 7523**)	None except service     provider must use Public     Telecom Network under     Government National     Telecom Authority Control.	1) None	
		2) None	2) None	
		3) Unbound	3) Unbound	
		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(k)	Electronic data interchange (EDI) (CPC 7523**)	None except service     provider must use Public     Telecom Network under     Government National     Telecom Authority Control.	1) None	
		2) None	2) None	
		3) Unbound	3) Unbound	
		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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(I)	Enhanced/value-added facsimile services, including store and forward and retrieve (CPC 7523**)	1)	None except service provider must use Public Telecom Network under Government National Telecom Authority Control.	1)	None	
		2)	None	2)	None	
		3)	Unbound	3)	Unbound	
		4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(m)	Voice mail services (CPC 7523**)	1)	None except service providers must use Public Telecom Network under Government National Authority.	1)	Unbound	
		2)	Unbound	2)	Unbound	
		3)	Subject to license by the appropriate regulatory authority and Brunei Darussalam's Companies' Act.	3)	None except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
		4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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3. CONSTRUCTION AND RE	LATED ENGINEERING SERVICES		
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (CPC 512, 513, 514 + 516, 517,	1) Unbound	1) Unbound	
515)	2) None	2) None	
	<ul> <li>a) The company should be registered under the office of Registrar of Companies and Business Names, Attorney Generals' Chamber.</li> <li>b) Foreign equity should not exceed 50%.</li> <li>c) The company should be registered with the Ministry of Development.</li> </ul>	3) Unbound	
	4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) Unbound	

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5. EDUCATIONAL SERVICE	S		
Adult Education (CPC 924)	1) None	1) None	
, ,	2) None	2) None	
Course with the maximum duration of 3 months (Private education)	<ul> <li>(i) Through joint venture, with foreign equity participation shall not exceed 49%.</li> <li>(ii) Foreign employees not exceeding 10% of the workforce.</li> </ul>	3) Unbound	
	4) Unbound	4) Unbound	
Foreign Language Training Centre	1) None	1) None	
(CPC 929)	2) None	2) None	
	3) Foreign Equity participation should not exceed 49%.	Majority of senior     managers in any such     enterprise are Bruneian     nationals	
	4) Unbound	4) Unbound	

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7.	FINANCIAL SERVICES	•		•		
A.	All insurance and insuran	nce-re	elated Services			
(a)	Direct insurance (life) including annuity, disability	1)	Unbound	1)	Unbound	
	income, accident and health insurance services	2)	None	2)	None	
	(CPC 8121)	3)	Commercial presence is permitted only through insurance companies that are registered in Brunei Darussalam.	3)	None	
		4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4)	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(b)	Direct insurance (non-life) including disability income,	1)	Unbound	1)	None	
	accident and health insurance and contracts of fidelity bonds, performance body or similar contracts of guarantee (CPC 8129)	2)	Compulsory insurance of Motor Third Party Liability and Workmen's Compensation can be purchased only from insurance companies established in Brunei.	2)	None	
		3)	Commercial presence is permitted only through insurance companies that are registered in Brunei Darussalam.	3)	None	

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		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(c)	Reinsurance and retrocession (life and non-life)	Unbound     Unbound	1) None 2) None	
	(CPC 81299*)	3) Unbound	3) None	
		Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(d)	Insurance and intermediation compromising broking and agency services (CPC 8140)	Unbound     Insurance intermediation is not allowed to act for unregistered insurers.	1) Unbound 2) None	
		3) (i) Broking for direct insurance of Bruneian risks requires approval from the Ministry of Finance	3) Unbound	
		(ii) Broker, underwriting and insurance managers require approval.		

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	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
Services auxiliary to insurance, as follows:	1) None	1) None	
<ul><li>(a) Consultancy (excludes insurance agency services to insurance industry)</li><li>(b) Actuarial risk assessment</li></ul>	<ul><li>2) None</li><li>3) None</li><li>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.</li></ul>	<ul><li>None</li><li>None</li><li>Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.</li></ul>	
<ul><li>(c) Risk management</li><li>(d) Maritime loss adjusting</li></ul>			
<ul><li>9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL</li><li>A. Hotels and restaurants (i</li></ul>			
A. Hotels and restaurants (			
Hotel Lodging Services (CPC 64110)	1) None	1) Unbound	
4 and 5 star hotels only	<ul><li>None</li><li>Joint ventures in which local equity constitutes not less than 30%.</li></ul>	<ul><li>2) Unbound</li><li>3) Unbound</li></ul>	
	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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11.	TRANSPORT SERVICES			
A.	Maritime Transport Servi	ces		
a)	Passenger Transportation (CPC 7211)	1) None	1) None	
		2) None	2) None	
		3) Unbound	3) Unbound	
		None, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) None, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
b)	Freight Transportation (CPC 7212)	1) None	1) None	
		2) None	2) None	
		3) Unbound	3) Unbound	
		4) None, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4) None, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
C.	Air Transport Services			
c)	Rental of aircraft with crew (CPC 734)	None except:     Aircraft must be certified     Entry to Brunei Darussalam     is subject to approval and     limitation on infrastructure     capacity.	1) None	
		2) None	2) None	

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	<ul> <li>(a) Only through a representative office;</li> <li>or</li> <li>(b) Only by appointment of a General Sales Agent: who is a Bruneian controlled company; and</li> <li>(c) Permanent address in Brunei Darussalam with respect to (a).</li> <li>4) Unbound except with respect to (b), one technical post subject to: <ul> <li>Local availability test;</li> <li>Designation of a specified number of Brunei trainees.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section.  Output  Description:	

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(d)	Maintenance and repair of aircraft (CPC 8868**)	1)	None	1)	None	
		2)	None	2)	None	
		3)	Unbound	3)	Unbound	
		4)	None, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	4)	None, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	