

Revision of Agreement on Government Procurement as at Dec 13, 2010

At its plenary sitting on November 19, 2013, the European Parliament approved the revised government procurement agreement (GPA). This will widen the scope of the GPA given the greater number of awarding entities concerned by it. The revised text includes a complete revision of the provisions of the Agreement with a view to making them more user-friendly. Special and differential treatment for developing countries has been more clearly spelled out, in a manner that it is hoped will facilitate future accessions by such countries. In negotiations on accession to, and in the implementation and administration of this Agreement, the Parties shall give special consideration to the development, financial and trade needs and circumstances of developing countries and least developed countries, recognizing that these may differ significantly from country to country. Based on its development needs, and with the agreement of the Parties, a developing country **may adopt or maintain an offset during a transition period** in accordance with a schedule and applied in a manner that does not discriminate against the other Parties.



In this case, the offset is clearly stated in the notice of intended procurement.

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