

ANNEX 15-A

SCHEDULE OF JAPAN

SECTION A: Central Government Entities

Thresholds:

100,000 SDR	Goods
4,500,000 SDR	Construction services
450,000 SDR	Architectural, engineering and other technical services covered by Chapter 15 (Government Procurement)
100,000 SDR	Other services

List of Entities:

All entities covered by the *Accounts Law* (会計法) (Law No. 35 of 1947) as follows:

1. House of Representatives (衆議院)
2. House of Councillors (参議院)
3. Supreme Court (最高裁判所)
4. Board of Audit (会計検査院)
5. Cabinet (内閣)
6. National Personnel Authority (人事院)
7. Cabinet Office (内閣府)
8. Reconstruction Agency (復興庁)
9. Imperial Household Agency (宫内庁)
10. Japan Fair Trade Commission (公正取引委員会)
11. National Public Safety Commission (National Police Agency) (国家公安委員会 (警察庁))
12. Personal Information Protection Commission (個人情報保護委員会)
13. Financial Services Agency (金融庁)
14. Consumer Affairs Agency (消費者庁)
15. Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (総務省)
16. Ministry of Justice (法務省)
17. Ministry of Foreign Affairs (外務省)
18. Ministry of Finance (財務省)
19. Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (文部科学省)
20. Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (厚生労働省)
21. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (農林水産省)

22. Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (経済産業省)
23. Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (国土交通省)
24. Ministry of the Environment (環境省)
25. Ministry of Defense (防衛省)

Notes to Section A

Entities covered by the *Accounts Law* include all their internal subdivisions, independent organs and other organisations and local branch offices provided for in the *National Government Organization Law* (国家行政組織法) (Law No. 120 of 1948) and the *Law establishing the Cabinet Office* (内閣府設置法) (Law No. 89 of 1999).

SECTION B: Sub-Central Government Entities

Thresholds:

200,000 SDR	Goods
15,000,000 SDR	Construction Services
1,500,000 SDR	Architectural, engineering and other technical services covered by Chapter 15 (Government Procurement)
200,000 SDR	Other services

List of Entities:

All prefectural governments entitled “To (都)”, “Do (道)”, “Fu (府)” and “Ken (県)”, and all designated cities entitled “Shitei-toshi (指定都市)”, covered by the *Local Autonomy Law (地方自治法)* (Law No. 67 of 1947) as follows:

1. Hokkaido (北海道)
2. Aomori-ken (青森県)
3. Iwate-ken (岩手県)
4. Miyagi-ken (宮城県)
5. Akita-ken (秋田県)
6. Yamagata-ken (山形県)
7. Fukushima-ken (福島県)
8. Ibaraki-ken (茨城県)
9. Tochigi-ken (栃木県)
10. Gunma-ken (群馬県)
11. Saitama-ken (埼玉県)
12. Chiba-ken (千葉県)
13. Tokyo-to (東京都)
14. Kanagawa-ken (神奈川県)
15. Niigata-ken (新潟県)
16. Toyama-ken (富山県)
17. Ishikawa-ken (石川県)
18. Fukui-ken (福井県)
19. Yamanashi-ken (山梨県)
20. Nagano-ken (長野県)
21. Gifu-ken (岐阜県)
22. Shizuoka-ken (静岡県)
23. Aichi-ken (愛知県)
24. Mie-ken (三重県)

25. Shiga-ken (滋賀県)
26. Kyoto-fu (京都府)
27. Osaka-fu (大阪府)
28. Hyogo-ken (兵庫県)
29. Nara-ken (奈良県)
30. Wakayama-ken (和歌山県)
31. Tottori-ken (鳥取県)
32. Shimane-ken (島根県)
33. Okayama-ken (岡山県)
34. Hiroshima-ken (広島県)
35. Yamaguchi-ken (山口県)
36. Tokushima-ken (徳島県)
37. Kagawa-ken (香川県)
38. Ehime-ken (愛媛県)
39. Kochi-ken (高知県)
40. Fukuoka-ken (福岡県)
41. Saga-ken (佐賀県)
42. Nagasaki-ken (長崎県)
43. Kumamoto-ken (熊本県)
44. Oita-ken (大分県)
45. Miyazaki-ken (宮崎県)
46. Kagoshima-ken (鹿児島県)
47. Okinawa-ken (沖縄県)
48. Osaka-shi (大阪市)
49. Nagoya-shi (名古屋市)
50. Kyoto-shi (京都市)
51. Yokohama-shi (横浜市)
52. Kobe-shi (神戸市)
53. Kitakyushu-shi (北九州市)
54. Sapporo-shi (札幌市)
55. Kawasaki-shi (川崎市)
56. Fukuoka-shi (福岡市)
57. Hiroshima-shi (広島市)
58. Sendai-shi (仙台市)
59. Chiba-shi (千葉市)
60. Saitama-shi (さいたま市)
61. Shizuoka-shi (静岡市)
62. Sakai-shi (堺市)
63. Niigata-shi (新潟市)
64. Hamamatsu-shi (浜松市)
65. Okayama-shi (岡山市)
66. Sagamihara-shi (相模原市)

67. Kumamoto-shi (熊本市)

Notes to Section B

1. For Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, United States and Viet Nam, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not apply to procurement by entities listed in Section B.
2. “To (都)”, “Do (道)”, “Fu (府)”, “Ken (県)” and “Shitei-toshi (指定都市)” covered by the *Local Autonomy Law* include all internal subdivisions, attached organisations and branch offices of all their governors or mayors, committees and other organisations provided for in the *Local Autonomy Law*.
3. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover contracts which the entities award for the purpose of their daily profit-making activities which are exposed to competitive forces in markets. This note shall not be used in a manner which circumvents the provisions of Chapter 15 (Government Procurement).
4. Procurement related to operational safety of transportation is not covered.
5. Procurement related to the production, transport or distribution of electricity is not covered.

SECTION C: Other Entities

Thresholds:

130,000 SDR	Goods
4,500,000 SDR	Construction Services for Japan Post Holdings Company Limited (日本郵政株式会社), Japan Post Company Limited (日本郵便株式会社), Japan Post Bank Company Limited (株式会社ゆうちょ銀行), Japan Post Insurance Company Limited (株式会社かんぽ生命保険), and Management Organization for Postal Savings and Postal Life Insurance (独立行政法人郵便貯金・簡易生命保険管理機構) in Group A
15,000,000 SDR	Construction Services for all other entities in Group A
4,500,000 SDR	Construction Services for entities in Group B
450,000 SDR	Architectural, engineering and other technical services covered by Chapter 15 (Government Procurement)
130,000 SDR	Other service

List of Entities:

Group A

1. Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (独立行政法人農畜産業振興機構)
2. Central Nippon Expressway Company Limited (中日本高速道路株式会社)
3. Development Bank of Japan Inc. (株式会社日本政策投資銀行)
4. East Nippon Expressway Company Limited (東日本高速道路株式会社)
5. Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency (独立行政法人環境再生保全機構)
6. Farmers' Pension Fund (独立行政法人農業者年金基金)
7. Fund for the Promotion and Development of the Amami Islands (独立行政法人奄美群島振興開発基金)
8. Government Pension Investment Fund (年金積立金管理運用独立行政法人)
9. Hanshin Expressway Company Limited (阪神高速道路株式会社)
10. Health Insurance Claims Review & Reimbursement Services (社会保険診療報酬支払基金)
11. Honshu-Shikoku Bridge Expressway Company Limited (本州四国連絡高速道路株式会社)
12. Japan Alcohol Corporation (日本アルコール産業株式会社)
13. Japan Arts Council (独立行政法人日本芸術文化振興会)
14. Japan Atomic Energy Agency (国立研究開発法人日本原子力研究開発機構) (Note 2(c))
15. Japan Bank for International Cooperation (株式会社国際協力銀行)
16. Japan Environmental Storage & Safety Corporation (中間貯蔵・環境安全事業株式会社)

17. Japan Expressway Holding and Debt Repayment Agency (独立行政法人日本高速道路保有・債務返済機構)
18. Japan External Trade Organization (独立行政法人日本貿易振興機構)
19. Japan Finance Corporation (株式会社日本政策金融公庫)
20. Japan Finance Organization for Municipalities (地方公共団体金融機構)
21. Japan Foundation, The (独立行政法人国際交流基金)
22. Japan Housing Finance Agency (独立行政法人住宅金融支援機構)
23. Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training, The (独立行政法人労働政策研究・研修機構)
24. Japan International Cooperation Agency (独立行政法人国際協力機構)
25. Japan Labour Health and Welfare Organization (独立行政法人労働者健康福祉機構)
26. Japan National Tourism Organization (独立行政法人国際観光振興機構)
27. Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (独立行政法人石油天然ガス・金属鉱物資源機構) (Note 2(d))
28. Japan Organization for Employment of the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities and Job Seekers (独立行政法人高齢・障害・求職者雇用支援機構)
29. Japan Post Bank Company Limited (株式会社ゆうちょ銀行)
30. Japan Post Company Limited (日本郵便株式会社)
31. Japan Post Holdings Company Limited (日本郵政株式会社)
32. Japan Post Insurance Company Limited (株式会社かんぽ生命保険)
33. Japan Racing Association (日本中央競馬会)
34. Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency (独立行政法人鉄道建設・運輸施設整備支援機構) (Note 2(a)(e))
35. Japan Science and Technology Agency (国立研究開発法人科学技術振興機構)
36. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (独立行政法人日本学術振興会)
37. Japan Sport Council (独立行政法人日本スポーツ振興センター)
38. Japan Student Services Organization (独立行政法人日本学生支援機構)
39. Japan Water Agency (独立行政法人水資源機構)
40. JKA (公益財団法人JKA)
41. Management Organization for Postal Savings and Postal Life Insurance (独立行政法人郵便貯金・簡易生命保険管理機構)
42. Metropolitan Expressway Company Limited (首都高速道路株式会社)
43. Mutual Aid Association for Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Organization Personnel (農林漁業団体職員共済組合)
44. Narita International Airport Corporation (成田国際空港株式会社)
45. National Association of Racing, The (地方競馬全国協会)
46. National Center for Persons with Severe Intellectual Disabilities, Nozominosono (独立行政法人国立重度知的障害者総合施設のぞみの園)
47. National Consumer Affairs Center of Japan (独立行政法人国民生活センター)
48. New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (国立研究開発法人新エネルギー・産業技術総合開発機構)
49. Northern Territories Issue Association (独立行政法人北方領土問題対策協会)
50. Okinawa Development Finance Corporation (沖縄振興開発金融公庫)
51. Open University of Japan Foundation, The (放送大学学園)

52. Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN (独立行政法人中小企業基盤整備機構)
53. Organization for Workers' Retirement Allowance Mutual Aid (独立行政法人勤労者退職金共済機構)
54. Promotion and Mutual Aid Corporation for Private Schools of Japan, The (日本私立学校振興・共済事業団)
55. RIKEN (国立研究開発法人理化学研究所) (Note 2(c))
56. Tokyo Metro Co., Ltd. (東京地下鉄株式会社) (Note 2(b))
57. Urban Renaissance Agency (独立行政法人都市再生機構)
58. Welfare and Medical Service Agency (独立行政法人福祉医療機構)
59. West Nippon Expressway Company Limited (西日本高速道路株式会社)

Group B

1. Building Research Institute (国立研究開発法人建築研究所)
2. Center for National University Finance and Management (独立行政法人国立大学財務・経営センター)
3. Civil Aviation College (独立行政法人航空大学校)
4. Electronic Navigation Research Institute (国立研究開発法人電子航法研究所)
5. Fisheries Research Agency (国立研究開発法人水産総合研究センター)
6. Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center (独立行政法人農林水産消費安全技術センター)
7. Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (国立研究開発法人森林総合研究所)
8. Inter-University Research Institute Corporation (大学共同利用機関法人)
9. Japan Health Insurance Association (全国健康保険協会)
10. Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (国立研究開発法人国際農林水産業研究センター)
11. Japan Mint (独立行政法人造幣局)
12. Japan Pension Service (日本年金機構)
13. Labor Management Organization for USFJ Employees (独立行政法人駐留軍等労働者労務管理機構)
14. Marine Technical Education Agency (独立行政法人海技教育機構)
15. National Agency of Vehicle Inspection (自動車検査独立行政法人)
16. National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (国立研究開発法人農業・食品産業技術総合研究機構)
17. National Archives of Japan (独立行政法人国立公文書館)
18. National Cancer Center (国立研究開発法人国立がん研究センター)
19. National Center for Child Health and Development (国立研究開発法人国立成育医療研究センター)
20. National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology (国立研究開発法人国立長寿医療研究センター)
21. National Center for Global Health and Medicine (国立研究開発法人国立国際医療研究センター)
22. National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (独立行政法人工業所有権情報・研修館)

23. National Center for Seeds and Seedlings (独立行政法人種苗管理センター)
24. National Center for Teachers' Development (独立行政法人教員研修センター)
25. National Center for University Entrance Examinations (独立行政法人大学入試センター)
26. National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry (国立研究開発法人国立精神・神経医療研究センター)
27. National Cerebral and Cardiovascular Center (国立研究開発法人国立循環器病研究センター)
28. National Fisheries University (独立行政法人水産大学校)
29. National Hospital Organization (独立行政法人国立病院機構)
30. National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences (国立研究開発法人農業環境技術研究所)
31. National Institute for Environmental Studies (国立研究開発法人国立環境研究所)
32. National Institute for Materials Science (国立研究開発法人物質・材料研究機構)
33. National Institute for Sea Training (独立行政法人航海訓練所)
34. National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (国立研究開発法人産業技術総合研究所)
35. National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences (国立研究開発法人農業生物資源研究所)
36. National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (国立研究開発法人情報通信研究機構)
37. National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (独立行政法人労働安全衛生総合研究所)
38. National Institute of Radiological Sciences (国立研究開発法人放射線医学総合研究所)
39. National Institute of Special Needs Education (独立行政法人国立特別支援教育総合研究所)
40. National Institute of Technology (独立行政法人国立高等専門学校機構)
41. National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (独立行政法人製品評価技術基盤機構)
42. National Institutes for Cultural Heritage (独立行政法人国立文化財機構)
43. National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition (国立研究開発法人医薬基盤・健康・栄養研究所) (Note 2 (f))
44. National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (独立行政法人大学評価・学位授与機構)
45. National Institution for Youth Education (独立行政法人国立青少年教育振興機構)
46. National Livestock Breeding Center (独立行政法人家畜改良センター)
47. National Maritime Research Institute (国立研究開発法人海上技術安全研究所)
48. National Museum of Art (独立行政法人国立美術館)
49. National Museum of Nature and Science (独立行政法人国立科学博物館)
50. National Printing Bureau (独立行政法人国立印刷局)
51. National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention (国立研究開発法人防災科学技術研究所)
52. National Research Institute of Brewing (独立行政法人酒類総合研究所)

- 53. National Statistics Center (独立行政法人統計センター)
- 54. National Traffic Safety and Environment Laboratory (独立行政法人交通安全環境研究所)
- 55. National University Corporation (国立大学法人)
- 56. National Women's Education Center (独立行政法人国立女性教育会館)
- 57. Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (独立行政法人日本貿易保険)
- 58. Port and Airport Research Institute (国立研究開発法人港湾空港技術研究所)
- 59. Public Works Research Institute (国立研究開発法人土木研究所)
- 60. Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (独立行政法人経済産業研究所)

Notes to Section C

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover contracts which the entities in Group A award for the purpose of their daily profit-making activities which are exposed to competitive forces in markets. This note shall not be used in a manner which circumvents the provisions of Chapter 15 (Government Procurement).

2. Notes to specific entities:

- (a) With respect to the railway construction-related activities by Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency, procurement related to operational safety of transportation is not covered.
- (b) With respect to Tokyo Metro Co., Ltd., procurement related to operational safety of transportation is not covered.
- (c) With respect to Japan Atomic Energy Agency and RIKEN, procurement which could lead to the disclosure of information incompatible with the purposes of the *Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons* or with international agreements on intellectual property rights and procurement for safety-related activities aiming at utilisation and management of radioactive materials and responding to emergencies of nuclear installation are not covered.
- (d) With respect to Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, procurement related to geological and geophysical survey is not covered.
- (e) With respect to the shipbuilding activities by Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency, procurement of ships to be jointly owned with private companies is not covered.
- (f) With respect to National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition, procurement other than that conducted for the National Institute of Health and Nutrition is not covered.

SECTION D: Goods

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) covers procurement of all goods by the entities listed in Sections A through C, unless otherwise specified in this Agreement.
2. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) covers procurement by the Ministry of Defense of the following Federal Supply Classification (FSC) categories subject to the Japanese Government determinations under Article 29.2 (Security Exceptions):

<i>FSC</i>	<i>Description</i>
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22	Railway Equipment
24	Tractors
32	Woodworking Machinery and Equipment
34	Metalworking Machinery
35	Service and Trade Equipment
36	Special Industry Machinery
37	Agricultural Machinery and Equipment
38	Construction, Mining, Excavating, and Highway Maintenance Equipment
39	Materials Handling Equipment
40	Rope, Cable, Chain, and Fittings
41	Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Air Circulating Equipment
43	Pumps and Compressors
45	Plumbing, Heating and Sanitation Equipment
46	Water Purification and Sewage Treatment Equipment
47	Pipe, Tubing, Hose, and Fittings
48	Valves
51	Hand Tools
52	Measuring Tools
55	Lumber, Millwork, Plywood and Veneer
61	Electric Wire, and Power and Distribution Equipment
62	Lighting Fixtures and Lamps
65	Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Equipment and Supplies
6630	Chemical Analysis Instruments
6635	Physical Properties Testing Equipment
6640	Laboratory Equipment and Supplies
6645	Time Measuring Instruments
6650	Optical Instruments
6655	Geophysical and Astronomical Instruments
6660	Meteorological Instruments and Apparatus
6670	Scales and Balances
6675	Drafting, Surveying, and Mapping Instruments
6680	Liquid and Gas Flow, Liquid Level, and Mechanical Motion Measuring Instruments
6685	Pressure, Temperature, and Humidity Measuring and Controlling Instruments
6695	Combination and Miscellaneous Instruments
67	Photographic Equipment

68	Chemicals and Chemical Products
71	Furniture
72	Household and Commercial Furnishings and Appliances
73	Food Preparation and Serving Equipment
74	Office Machines and Visible Record Equipment
75	Office Supplies and Devices
76	Books, Maps, and Other Publications
77	Musical Instruments, Phonographs, and Home-type Radios
79	Cleaning Equipment and Supplies
80	Brushes, Paints, Sealers, and Adhesives
8110	Drums and Cans
8115	Boxes, Cartons and Crates
8125	Bottles and Jars
8130	Reels and Spools
8135	Packaging and Packing Bulk Materials
85	Toiletries
87	Agricultural Supplies
93	Non-metallic Fabricated Materials
94	Non-metallic Crude Materials
99	Miscellaneous

SECTION E: Services

Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) covers the following services, which are identified in accordance with the United Nations Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC) 1991, as well as document MTN.GNS/W/120 for Telecommunications services:

(United Nations Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC), 1991)

- 6112 Maintenance and repair services of motor vehicles (Note 1)
- 6122 Maintenance and repair services of motorcycles and snowmobiles (Note 1)
- 633 Repair services of personal and household goods
- 642 Food serving services (Note 5)
- 643 Beverage serving services (Note 5)
- 712 Other land transport services (except 71235 Mail transportation by land)
- 7213 Rental services of sea-going vessels with operator
- 7223 Rental services of non-sea-going vessels with operator
- 73 Air transport services (except 73210 Mail transportation by air)
- 748 Freight transport agency services
- 7512 Courier services (Note 2)
- Telecommunications services

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Corresponding CPC

- 2.C.h. 7523 Electronic mail;
- 2.C.i. 7521 Voice mail;
- 2.C.j. 7523 On-line information and data base retrieval;
- 2.C.k. 7523 Electronic data interchange (EDI);
- 2.C.l. 7529 Enhanced facsimile services;
- 2.C.m. 7523 Code and protocol conversion; and
- 2.C.n. 7523 On-line information or data processing (including transaction processing)

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to 83108 Leasing or rental services concerning agricultural machinery and equipment without operator (Note 5)

83203 Leasing or rental services concerning furniture and other household Appliances (Note 5)

83204 Leasing or rental services concerning pleasure and leisure equipment (Note 5)

83209	Leasing or rental services concerning other personal or household goods (Note 5)
84	Computer and related services
864	Market research and public opinion polling services
865	Management consulting services (Note 5)
866	Services related to management consulting (except 86602 Arbitration and conciliation services) (Note 5)
867	Architectural, engineering and other technical services (Note 3)
871	Advertising services
87304	Armoured car services
874	Building-cleaning services
876	Packaging services (Note 5)
8814	Services incidental to forestry and logging, including forest management
88442	Publishing and printing services (Note 4)
886	Repair services incidental to metal products, machinery and equipment
921	Primary education services
922	Secondary education services
923	Higher education services
924	Adult education services
94	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and other environmental protection services
9611	Motion picture and video tape production and distribution services (except
96112	Motion picture or video tape production services)

Notes to Section E

1. Maintenance and repair services are not covered with respect to those motor vehicles, motorcycles and snowmobiles which are specifically modified and inspected to meet regulations of the entities.
2. Courier services are not covered with respect to letters.
3. Architectural, engineering and other technical services related to construction services, with the exception of the following services when procured independently, are covered:

- (a) Final design services of CPC 86712 Architectural design services;
 - (b) CPC 86713 Contract administration services;
 - (c) Design services consisting of one or a combination of final plans, specifications and cost estimates of either CPC 86722 Engineering design services for the construction of foundations and building structures, or CPC 86723 Engineering design services for mechanical and electrical installations for buildings, or CPC 86724 Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works; and
 - (d) CPC 86727 Other engineering services during the construction and installation phase.
4. Publishing and printing services are not covered with respect to materials containing confidential information.
5. With respect to the following services, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover procurement by the entities listed in Sections B and C:

CPC 642	Food serving services
CPC 643	Beverage serving services
CPC 83106 to 83108	Leasing or rental services concerning agricultural machinery and equipment without operator
CPC 83203	Leasing or rental services concerning furniture and other household Appliances
CPC 83204	Leasing or rental services concerning pleasure and leisure equipment
CPC 83209	Leasing or rental services concerning other personal or household goods
CPC 865	Management consulting services
CPC 866	Services related to management consulting (except 86602 Arbitration and conciliation services)
CPC 876	Packaging services

SECTION F: Construction Services

List of Division 51, United Nations Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC) 1991:

All services listed in Division 51.

Note to Section F

Procurement with regard to a construction project within the scope of the *Act on Promotion of Private Finance Initiative* (民間資金等の活用による公共施設等の整備等の促進に関する法律) (Law No. 117 of 1999) as of 30 November 2011 is covered.

SECTION G: General Notes

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) does not cover contracts to be awarded to co-operatives or associations in accordance with laws and regulations existing on the date of entry into force of this Agreement for Japan.
2. Except as otherwise provided for in the Note to Section F, procurement with regard to a project within the scope of the *Act on Promotion of Private Finance Initiative* (Law No. 117 of 1999) as of 10 December 2010 is covered.

SECTION H: Threshold Adjustment Formula

1. The thresholds shall be adjusted in every even-numbered year with each adjustment taking effect on April 1, beginning on April 1 of the first even-numbered year after the date of entry into force of this Agreement for Japan.
2. Every two years, Japan shall calculate and publish the value of the thresholds under this Schedule expressed in Yen. These calculations shall be based on the conversion rates published by the International Monetary Fund in its monthly *International Financial Statistics*.
3. The conversion rates shall be the average of the daily values of the Yen in terms of the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) over the two-year period preceding January 1 of the year in which the adjusted thresholds are to take effect.
4. Japan shall notify the other Parties of the current thresholds in its currency immediately after the date of entry into force of this Agreement for Japan, and the adjusted thresholds in its currency thereafter in a timely manner.
5. Japan shall consult if a major change in its national currency relative to the SDR or to the national currency of another Party were to create a significant problem with regard to the application of Chapter 15 (Government Procurement).

SECTION I: Procurement Information

1. Electronic or paper media which publishes the information described in Article 15.6.1 (Publication of Procurement Information) pursuant to Article 15.6.2 (Publication of Procurement Information).

(a) Section A:

Kanpō (官報)
or Hōreizensho (法令全書)

(b) Section B:

Kenpō (県報)
Shihō (市報)
or their equivalents,
or Kanpō (官報)
or Hōreizensho (法令全書)

(c) Section C:

Kanpō (官報)
or Hōreizensho (法令全書),

or http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ecm/ep/page24_000444.html

2. Electronic or paper media which publishes the notices required by Article 15.7 (Notices of Intended Procurement), Article 15.9.3 (Qualification of Suppliers) and Article 15.16.3 (Post-Award Information) pursuant to Article 15.6.2 (Publication of Procurement Information).

(a) Section A:

Kanpō (官報) (available on paper media and at <http://kanpou.npb.go.jp>).

(b) Section B:

Kenpō (県報);
Shihō (市報);
or their equivalents.

(c) Section C:

Kanpō (官報);
or http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ecm/ep/page24_000444.html

SECTION J: Transitional Measures

None.