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Inventory of Barriers to Trade In Services

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Reference Number: USA- 14

Suppliers Affected: ALL

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Barrier Type: MISC MISCELLANEOUS TB TECHNICAL BARRIERS

Sector: 452 AIR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION 452 - SERVICE INDUSTRIES, INCIDENTAL TO AIR TRANSPORT CONSULTING SERVICES DIVISION 7759 - OTHER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

Detailed Description:

Sometimes non-U.S. high-tech firms are unable to buy goods or services developed under U.S. military contracts because of alleged national security measures.

Sometimes, non-U.S. firms are prevented from access to technical information which they need to bid on aircraft maintenance contracts on U.S.-built military aircraft.

Comments:

McDonnell Douglas, manufacturer of the F-18 used by the Canadian Armed Forces, refused to provide a Canadian firm with "proprietary" information on the aircraft's brakes, thus preventing a bid on a maintenance contract for the Canadian military.