

- Article XIII.1 exempts government procurement of services from MFN as well as market access and national treatment obligations if the services are “purchased for governmental purposes and not with a view to commercial resale or with a view to use in the supply of services for commercial use.”
- Article XIV provides an exception for measures to protect public morals or maintain public order or to protect human, animal or plant life or health.
- Canada also has taken certain sector-specific exceptions that narrow the scope of market access and national treatment obligations in the sectors concerned. Canada made no commitments in sectors such as health services, public education and social services, water collection, purification and distribution, and the transmission, distribution and wholesale or retail sale of electricity.

Provisions that Might Apply

The exemptions and exceptions described above are broad in scope. There may be particular circumstances, however, where GATS obligations might apply if the terms of an exemption or exception provision are not met.