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TECHNICAL COOPERATION HANDBOOK ON NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT 2012

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This section of the Handbook on Notification Requirements covers the notification obligations under the **AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GPA) 2012**. It consists of the following five parts:

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For Members which acceded pursuant to Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement, their respective Protocols of Accession may contain notification obligations in addition to those set out in the WTO Agreements, and may govern the deadlines for the submission of their initial notifications.

PART 1

OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION

This section provides an overview of notification requirements arising from the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) 2012. The GPA was revised on 30 April 2012; the revised agreement entered into force on 6 April 2014. The GPA 2012 is composed of the text of the Agreement; Parties' market access schedules of commitments (Appendix I); and Parties' electronic and media sources of procurement information (Appendices II-IV). In addition to the Agreement and its Appendixes, two Decisions of the Committee on Government Procurement (CGP) are relevant to notification requirements under the GPA 2012. A GPA-specific electronic notification platform was launched on 16 June 2025 [e-GPA Notification Submission system](#) (NSS).

WHAT MUST BE NOTIFIED?

The [Agreement on Government Procurement](#) (GPA) 2012, the CGP [Decision on Modalities for Notifying Threshold Figures in National Currencies](#)¹, and the CGP [Decision on Notification Requirements under Articles XIX and XXII of the Agreement](#)² set out Parties' notification obligations in detail. These include:

- Notification of any changes to procurement laws and regulations;³
- Notification of statistics in relation to procurements covered by the Agreement;⁴
- Notification of thresholds in national currencies;⁵
- Notification of modifications to schedules of market access commitments;⁶ and
- Notification of media for the publication of procurement-related information.⁷

¹ Decision of the Committee on Government Procurement on Modalities for Notifying Threshold Figures in National Currencies ([GPA/1](#), dated 27 February 1996, Annex 3).

² Decision of the Committee on Government Procurement on Notification Requirements under Articles XIX and XXII of the Agreement ([GPA/113](#), dated 2 April 2012, Annex A).

³ See [Article XXII:5](#) of the GPA 2012; Decision on Notification Requirements under Articles XIX and XXII of the Agreement ([GPA/113](#), Annex A).

⁴ See [Article XVI:4-6](#) of the GPA 2012.

⁵ See Decision on Modalities for Notifying Threshold Figures in National Currencies ([GPA/1](#), Annex 3).

⁶ See [Article XIX](#) of the GPA 2012; Decision on Notification Requirements under Articles XIX and XXII of the Agreement ([GPA/113](#), Annex A).

⁷ See [Article VI:3](#) of the GPA 2012.

WHICH MEMBERS MUST NOTIFY?

All Parties to the GPA 2012. The GPA 2012 is a plurilateral agreement, which means it is binding only on those WTO Members who are Party to it and have therefore accepted to be bound by it. For more information on the current list of Parties and observers to the Agreement, click [here](#).

WHEN TO NOTIFY?

Notifications of statistics in relation to procurements covered by the Agreement are provided on an annual basis within two years from the end of the reporting period; notifications of thresholds in national currencies are provided every two years. Other notifications are generally made on an *ad hoc* basis; see the listing of notification obligations below for more details.

HOW TO NOTIFY?

All notifications, regardless of their subject content or the requirement under which they are being submitted, must be submitted using the e-GPA Notification Submission System ([e-GPA NSS](#)).⁸

For additional information, see the [GPA Notifications webpage](#). Please also contact the WTO Secretariat for further guidance on the submission of relevant notifications (email: GPA@wto.org).

⁸ As recommended in the latest version of the Central Registry of Notification (CRN) procedure contained in the latest version of the document series [WT/INF/25](#).

PART 2

LISTING OF THE NOTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS

	WHAT MUST BE NOTIFIED?		WHICH MEMBERS MUST NOTIFY?	WHEN TO NOTIFY?		HOW TO NOTIFY?			
	Notification requirements	Type of measure	Members notifying	Periodicity	Comments on Periodicity	Format	To whom ⁹	Notification Symbol	
1.	GPA 2012 Article XXII:5 and Decision on Notification. Requirements under Articles XIX and XXII of the Agreement (GPA/113 , Annex A).	Notification of any changes to procurement laws and regulations.	GPA Parties	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Under certain conditions and in cases of non-substantive changes, the relevant CGP Decision provides flexibility to submit notifications on an annual basis.	Yes (through the e-GPA NSS).	CGP	GPA/LEGIS/* GPA/* ¹⁰	
2.	GPA 2012 Article XVI:4-6 .	Notification of statistics in relation to procurements covered by the GPA 2012. ¹¹	GPA Parties	Regular – Annual	The annual report shall cover one year and be submitted within two years of the end of the reporting period.	Yes (through the e-GPA NSS).	CGP	GPA/STAT* ¹² GPA/* ¹³	

⁹ All notifications, regardless of their subject content or the requirement under which they are being submitted, must be submitted through the e-GPA Notification Submission System ([e-GPA NSS](#)) as recommended in the latest version of the CRN procedure contained in the latest version of the document series [WT/INF/25](#).

¹⁰ Prior to the creation of GPA/LEGIS/* series in 2017, notifications were circulated under the GPA/* series.

¹¹ [Article XVI:5](#) provides that a Party that publishes its statistics on an official website may instead notify the address of that website to the Committee, with any instructions necessary to access and use such statistics. [Article XVI:6](#) provides that where a Party requires notices concerning awarded contracts to be published electronically and where such notices are accessible to the public through a single database in a form permitting analysis of the covered contracts, that Party may instead notify the relevant website address, with any instructions necessary to access and use the relevant data.

¹² The symbol includes the last two digits of the year/reporting period (e.g. GPA/STAT(18)/*).

¹³ Prior to the creation of GPA/STAT* series in 2017, notifications were circulated under the GPA/* series.

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3.	Decision on Modalities for Notifying Threshold Figures in National Currencies (GPA/1 , Annex 3).	Notification of thresholds in national currencies.	GPA Parties	Regular – Biennial		Yes (through the e-GPA NSS).	CGP	GPA/THR/* GPA/W/* ¹⁴	
4.	GPA 2012 Article XIX , and Decision of the CGP on Notification. Requirements under Articles XIX and XXII of the GPA 2012 (GPA/113 , Annex A).	Notification of modifications to market access commitments (Appendix I to the GPA 2012). ¹⁵	GPA Parties	<i>Ad hoc</i>	Under certain conditions, the relevant Decision provides flexibility to submit notifications every two years.	Yes (through the e-GPA NSS).	CGP	GPA/MOD/* GPA/W/* ¹⁶	

⁹ All notifications, regardless of their subject content or the requirement under which they are being submitted, must be submitted through the e-GPA Notification Submission System ([e-GPA NSS](#)) as recommended in the latest version of the CRN procedure contained in the latest version of the document series [WT/INF/25](#).

¹⁴ Prior to the creation of GPA/THR/* series in 2017, notifications were circulated under the GPA/W/* series.

¹⁵ [Article XIX:2](#) provides that a Party may notify the CGP of an objection to a proposed modification within 45 days from the date of the circulation to the Parties of the notification where it considers that its rights under the GPA 2012 may be affected by the proposed modification. Where a Party submits an objection, it shall set out the reasons for the objection. If there is no written objection, the proposed modification becomes effective 45 days after the circulation of the notification. See modifications and rectifications that have been certified and therefore are in effect [here](#).

¹⁶ Prior to the creation of GPA/MOD/* series in 2017, notifications were circulated under the GPA/W/* series.

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5.	GPA 2012 Article VI:3.	Notification of modifications of information on the media for the publication of procurement-related information.	GPA Parties	<i>Ad hoc</i>		Yes (through the e-GPA NSS).	CGP	GPA/MOD/* GPA/W/*	

⁹ All notifications, regardless of their subject content or the requirement under which they are being submitted, must be submitted through the e-GPA Notification Submission System ([e-GPA NSS](#)) as recommended in the latest version of the CRN procedure contained in the latest version of the document series [WT/INF/25](#).

PART 3

RELEVANT DOCUMENT(S) CONCERNING GUIDELINES AND FORMATS

For additional information see [GPA Notifications webpage](#) and the [e-GPA Gateway](#). Please also contact the WTO Secretariat for further guidance/examples of relevant notifications (email: GPA@wto.org).

PART 4

LIST OF NOTIFICATIONS SINCE 2014

Systemic Compilation of Notifications under the GPA 2012 compiled by the Secretariat ([GPA/S/3/*](#)).

List of [notifications](#) of changes to procurement laws and regulations under [Article XXII:5](#) of the GPA 2012 and the Decision on Notification Requirements under Articles XIX and XXII of the GPA 2012 ([GPA/113](#), Annex A). See also [GPA Notifications webpage](#) and [e-GPA Gateway](#).

List of [notifications](#) of statistics under [Article XVI:4](#) of the GPA 2012. See also [GPA Notifications webpage](#).

List of [notifications](#) of thresholds in national currency under the Decision on Modalities for Notifying Threshold Figures in National Currencies ([GPA/1](#), Annex 3), also available in the [e-GPA Gateway](#) and in [Documents Online](#). See also [GPA Notifications webpage](#).

List of [notifications](#) of modifications to market access commitments under [Article XIX](#) of the GPA 2012 and the Decision on Notification Requirements under Articles XIX And XXII of the Agreement ([GPA/113](#), Annex A). Notifications related to the modification of schedules are restricted documents and accessible to the governments of GPA Parties and observers only. The modifications are derestricted upon their certification. The Parties' market access commitments and relevant notifications are accessible from the [e-GPA Gateway](#).

List of notifications of modifications of information on the media for the publication of procurement-related information under [Article VI:3](#) with regard to modifications to [Appendix II](#); [Appendix III](#); and [Appendix IV](#). The information provided by Parties is available in the [e-GPA Gateway](#).

PART 5

TEXT OF THE LEGAL PROVISIONS

The Agreement on Government Procurement 2012, including the Decision of the Committee on Government Procurement on Notification Requirements under Articles XIX and XXII of the Agreement ([GPA/113](#), dated 2 April 2012). See also [WTO webpage](#).

The Decision of the Committee on Government Procurement on Modalities for Notifying Threshold Figures in National Currencies ([GPA/1](#), dated 27 February 1996, Annex 3).