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Committee on Government Procurement

NOTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT 2012

COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA

The following communication, dated 20 August 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

Notifying Party	Canada
Legal Basis	Article XXII:5 of the GPA 2012 Decision on notification requirements under Articles XIX and XXII:5 of the GPA 2012 (Annex A to Appendix 2 of GPA/113)
Title of the notified legal text	Amendments to the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations
Link to legal text	English: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/GPA/CAN/25 05548 00 e.pdf French: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/GPA/CAN/25 05548 00 f.pdf
Notification status	First notification Change, amendment or revision to notified legal text Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	

Brief description of the notified legal text

On June 13, 2025, amendments to the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations* (Regulations) came into force. The *Regulations Amending the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations* (SOR/2025-140), along with the Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement, were published in Part II of the *Canada Gazette* on July 2, 2025.

These amendments to the Regulations support the implementation of Canada's <u>Interim Policy on Reciprocal Procurement</u>, which limits access to Canada's federal non-defence procurement market to Canadians and trading partners who provide reciprocal access to Canada via trade agreements, including the WTO GPA. Under this approach, and subject to certain exceptions, suppliers located in countries with which Canada has no procurement trade obligations will no longer have access to the federal procurement market, while suppliers located in countries with which Canada has a trade agreement will receive access to the federal procurement market as provided for in the respective trade agreement.

The amendments clarify that a "potential supplier," who can bring a complaint to the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT), is limited to Canadian businesses or businesses of a trade

agreement country with procurement trade obligations. The amendments include other clarifications to provide interpretive principles for and support implementation of these changes, such as updating the conditions for inquiry, and limiting the potential remedies that may be granted by the CITT to businesses with valid complaints. Language(s) English; French of notified legal text **Date** of 13 June 2025 adoption into 13 June 2025 **Entry** force Other French links: information Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur les enquêtes du Tribunal canadien du commerce extérieur sur les marchés publics (DORS/2025-140) https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/GPA/CAN/25 05548 00 f.pdf l'approvisionnement provisoire réciproque: Politique sur https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/GPA/CAN/25 05548 01 f.pdf International Trade Policy Division Department of Finance Canada Ottawa, Agency authority Ontario

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