

# **WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**

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## **ACCESSION OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

On 17 December 1999, the General Council adopted a Decision (WT/ACC/JOR/33 and Corr.1) to the effect that the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan may accede to the WTO Agreement on the terms set out in the Protocol for Accession of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the text of which was approved at the General Council meeting on 17 December 1999 (WT/GC/M/52). The text of the Protocol is annexed hereto. The Schedules of Concessions on Goods and of Specific Commitments in Services are reproduced in documents WT/ACC/JOR/33/Add.1 and Add.2 respectively.

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On 17 December 1999, the Secretary General of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's Ministry of Industry and Trade, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Halaiqah, signed, subject to ratification, the Protocol of Accession.

PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN  
TO THE MARRAKESH AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING  
THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

The World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as the "WTO"), pursuant to the approval of the General Council accorded under Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as "WTO Agreement"), and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (hereinafter referred to as "Jordan"),

Taking note of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of Jordan to the WTO in document WT/ACC/JOR/33 (hereinafter referred to as the "Working Party Report"),

Having regard to the results of the negotiations on the accession of Jordan to the WTO,

Agree as follows:

Part I - General

1. Upon entry into force of this Protocol, Jordan accedes to the WTO Agreement pursuant to Article XII of that Agreement and thereby becomes a Member of the WTO.
2. The WTO Agreement to which Jordan accedes shall be the WTO Agreement as rectified, amended or otherwise modified by such legal instruments as may have entered into force before the date of entry into force of this Protocol. This Protocol, which shall include the commitments referred to in paragraph 248 of the Working Party Report, shall be an integral part of the WTO Agreement.
3. Except as otherwise provided for in the paragraphs referred to in paragraph 248 of the Working Party Report, those obligations in the Multilateral Trade Agreements annexed to the WTO Agreement that are to be implemented over a period of time starting with the entry into force of that Agreement shall be implemented by Jordan as if it had accepted that Agreement on the date of its entry into force.
4. Jordan may maintain a measure inconsistent with paragraph of Article II of the GATS provided that such a measure is recorded in the list of Article II Exemptions annexed to this Protocol and meets the conditions of the Annex to the GATS on Article II Exemptions.

Part II – Schedules

5. The Schedules annexed to this Protocol shall become the schedule of Concessions and Commitments annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (hereinafter referred to as the "GATT 1994") and the Schedule of Specific Commitments annexed to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (hereinafter referred to as "GATS") relating to Jordan. The staging of concessions and commitments listed in the Schedules shall be implemented as specified in the relevant parts of the respective Schedules.
6. For the purpose of the reference in paragraph 6(a) of Article II of the GATT 1994 to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of the Schedules of Concessions and Commitments annexed to this Protocol shall be the date of entry into force of this Protocol.

Part III - Final Provisions

7. This Protocol shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Jordan until 31 March
  8. This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the day of its acceptance.
  9. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO. The Director-General of the WTO shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Protocol and a notification of acceptance thereto pursuant to paragraph 7 to each member of the WTO and Jordan.
  10. This Protocol shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article of the Charter of the United Nations.
  11. Done at Geneva this seventeenth day of December one thousand nine hundred and ninety nine, in a single copy in the English, French and Spanish languages each text being authentic, except that a Schedule annexed hereto may specify that it is authentic in only one or more of these languages.
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