

Schedule of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam¹

Section 1 Service sales person

Persons not based in the territory of Viet Nam and receiving no remuneration from a source located within Viet Nam, and who are engaged in activities related to representing a service provider for the purpose of negotiating for the sale of the services of that supplier where: (i) such sales are not directly made to the general public; and (ii) the salesperson is not directly engaged in supplying the service. The stay of these salespersons is limited to a 90-day period.

Section 2 Intra-corporate Transferees

1. Managers, executives and specialists, as defined hereunder, of a foreign enterprise which has established a commercial presence in the territory of Viet Nam, temporarily moving as intra-corporate transferees to that commercial presence and who have been previously employed by the foreign enterprise for at least one year, shall be granted entry and a stay permit for an initial period of three years which may be extended subject to the term of operation of those entities in Viet Nam. At least 20% of the total number of managers, executives and specialists shall be Vietnamese nationals. However, a minimum of 3 non-Vietnamese managers, executives and specialists shall be permitted per enterprise.

2. Managers and executives are those who primarily direct the management of the foreign enterprises which have established commercial presence in Viet Nam, receiving only general supervision or direction from the board of directors or stockholders of the business or their equivalent, including directing the establishment or a department or subdivision of the establishment, supervising and controlling the work of other supervisory, professional or managerial employees, having the authority personally to hire and fire or recommend hiring, firing or other personnel actions, and who do not directly perform tasks concerning the actual supply of the services of the establishment.

¹ Viet Nam's Specific Commitments for the Movement of Natural Persons are limited to the sectors/sub-sectors included in the Schedule of Specific Commitments of Viet Nam in Annex 6.

3. Specialists are natural persons working within an organization who possess knowledge at an advanced level of expertise and with knowledge of the organization's services, research equipment, techniques or management. In assessing such knowledge, account will be taken not only of knowledge specific to the commercial presence, but also of whether the person has a high level of skills or qualification referring to a type of work or trade requiring specific technical knowledge. Specialists may include, but are not limited to, members of licensed professions.

Section 3 Other personnel

Managers, executives and specialists, as defined in Section 2, who cannot be substituted by Vietnamese and who are employed outside Viet Nam's territory by a foreign enterprise which has established a commercial presence in the territory of Viet Nam with a view to participating in the foreign enterprise's activities in Viet Nam, shall be granted entry and a stay permit in conformity with the term of the concerned employment contract or for an initial period of three years whichever is shorter, which may be extended subject to the employment contract between them and the commercial presence.

Section 4 Persons responsible for setting up a commercial presence

Managers and executives (as defined in Section 2) within a juridical person, who are responsible for the setting up, in Viet Nam, of a commercial presence of a service provider of a Party when (i) these people are not engaged in making direct sales or supplying services; and (ii) the service provider has its principal place of business in the territory of a Party other than Viet Nam and has no other commercial presence in Viet Nam. The stay of these persons is limited to a 90-day period.

Section 5 Contractual service suppliers (CSS)

Natural persons who are employees of a foreign enterprise having no commercial presence in Viet Nam may enter and stay in Viet Nam for a period of 90 days or for the duration of the contract, whichever is less provided that the following conditions and requirements shall be applied:

1. The foreign enterprise has obtained a service contract from a Vietnamese enterprise engaged in business operation in Viet Nam. The competent authority of Viet Nam must be able to establish the necessary procedures to guarantee the bona fide character of the contract.

2. These persons must possess: (a) a university degree or a technical qualification document demonstrating knowledge of an equivalent level; (b) professional qualifications where this is required to exercise an activity in the sector concerned pursuant to the laws and regulations of Viet Nam; and (c) at least 5 years of professional experience in the sector.

3. The number of these persons covered by the service contract shall not be larger than necessary to fulfill the contract, as it may be decided by the laws and regulations and requirement of Viet Nam.

4. These persons have been employed by the foreign enterprise having no commercial presence in Viet Nam for a period of no less than 2 years and have met the requirements prescribed for "specialist" in Section 2.

The entry of these persons is allowed for computer and related services (CPC 841-845, 849) and engineering services (CPC 8672).