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Subject: Termination of the Canada Korea Telecommunications Equipment Agreement

Summary

Agreement has been reached with Korea regarding their request that the Canada Korea Telecommunications Equipment Agreement be terminated effective September 1, 2005.

Korea Telecom, the only entity listed in the subject agreement by Korea, has been privatized. As a private sector telecommunications service provider, the firm is no longer carrying out government procurement and Korea no longer has any covered government procurement under this agreement.

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations will be amended to remove this agreement from the scope of its inquiry. No other regulatory changes are required.

Background

Korea made commitments to open procurement of the then government-owned Korea Telecom in the 1999 Canada-Korea Telecommunications Equipment Procurement Agreement (CKTEPA). From an industry perspective, the purpose of the CKTEPA was to put Canadian equipment manufacturers on the same footing as U.S. and E.U. manufacturers. In June 2002, Korea proposed to withdraw Korea Telecom from the CKTEPA on the basis that Korea Telecom had been privatized and was no longer carrying out government procurement. Canadian equipment manufacturers are aware that Korea Telecom has been privatized and that this agreement would no longer cover any Korean government procurement.

Contracting Policy

Appendix Y of the Treasury Board Contracting Policy pertains to the Policy Implementing the Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of Canada on the Procurement of Telecommunications Equipment. This appendix will be removed from the policy.

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