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EC-US agreement on government procurement

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On 25. 5. 1993, the European Community and the United States of America concluded a Memorandum of Understanding ('the Agreement') on government procurement. This Agreement has been published in the Official Journal No L 125 on 20. 5. 1993.

Under the Agreement, public authorities which are subject to the GATT Government Procurement Agreement (these are listed in Annex I of Directive 80/767/EEC as amended and in Annex I of the Agreement) are required to extend to United States bidders, products and services the same advantages as those which Community bidders enjoy for public works

contracts under Directive 71/305/EEC and, from 1.7.1993, for public service contracts under Directive 92/50/EEC.

Further, EC entities in the electric-power sector, covered by Article 2(1) and 2(a)(ii) and Annex II of Directive 90/531/EEC, are required to extend to United States bidders, products and related services the same advantages as those which Community bidders enjoy in accordance with that Directive. For the purpose of determining, in Article 29, the proportion of the products originating in third countries, products originating in the United States should not be taken into account.

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