

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### **EC LEVEL OF COMMITMENTS**

Commitments have been taken for all sub-sectors listed under professional services in W /120, as well as for pharmacists (supply of pharmaceuticals to the public) and surveyors (related scientific and technical consulting services). In principle, except for legal and taxation services, there is full coverage of the sub-sectors. Commitments are subject to many limitations (around 433), mainly in terms of nationality and residency requirements, ENTs, forms of establishment and conditions of admission for contractual service suppliers.

### **REQUESTS TO THE EC**

Most of the requests received so far address professional services (16 out of 19) and it is very likely that those to come will also do.

All sub-sectors in W /120 have been, identified throughout the requests. However, those attracting main interest seem to match those identified in the EC negotiating proposal, except taxation services (i.e. legal, accounting, architectural, engineering and integrated engineering and urban planning and landscape architectural services).

As for the substance of the requests, one can distinguish:

- Requests seeking more coverage (extension for legal and taxation services and addition of other health services)
- Requests asking for the removal of current limitations: mainly ENTs, nationality and residence requirements and all limitations in mode 4 commitments (which have not been correctly understood by some of the requests)
- Requests for clarification
- Request for additional commitments to address some regulatory issues (concerns legal, accounting and architectural services plus transparency across the board)
- Requests for MRAs

### **FURTHER PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE OFFER**

- Prepare answers to requests for clarification
- Identify which limitations can be removed
- Take decisions on technical issues (coverage of legal services, keep or lift limitations concerning non-discriminatory domestic regulation, place reserved in the schedule for pharmacists and surveyors, presentation of mode 4 commitments)