

Reference Material III-7: Overview of the Thresholds Applied under the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement

1. Thresholds

(1) Thresholds for the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement

Classification	Central Government Entities	Sub-Central Government Entities	All Other Entities
1. Products	20 million yen (SDR 130,000)	32 million yen (SDR 200,000)	20 million yen (SDR 130,000)
2. Services other than 3. & 4.	20 million yen (SDR 130,000)	32 million yen (SDR 200,000)	20 million yen (SDR 130,000)
3. Construction services	720 million yen (SDR 4.5 million)	2.41 billion yen (SDR 15 million)	Entities in Group A (Except Japan Post): 2.41 billion yen (SDR 15 million) Japan Post and entities in Group B: 720 million yen (SDR 4.5 million)
4. Architectural, Engineering & Other Technical Services related to 3.	72 million yen (SDR 450,000)	240 million yen (SDR 1.5 million)	72 million yen (SDR 450,000)

(Note) The above values converted to Japanese currency are applicable from 1 April, 2006 to 31 March, 2008.

(2) Threshold for Voluntary Measures

In the voluntary measures or under the Action Program on government procurement, the threshold for procurement of products and services (except procurement by local government) is lowered from SDR 130,000 to SDR 100,000 (16 million yen).

(3) Threshold in the Japan-Singapore Economic Agreement for a New Age Partnership

From November 30, 2002, on which the Agreement entered into force, the threshold for the procurement of goods and services by the central government, public corporations and independent administrative institutions became lowered to SDR 100,000 (16 million yen).

2. International comparison of thresholds

(Units: thousands of SDR)

Classification	Japan	United States	European Communities	Canada	Republic of Korea
Central Government Entities:					
1. Products	130	130	130	130	130
2. Services other than 3. & 4.	130	130	130	130	130
3. Construction services	4,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4. Architectural, Engineering & Other Technical Services related to 3.	450	130	130	130	130
Sub-Central Government Entities:	Prefectures and designated cities (Except for Saitama-shi and Shizuoka-shi)	37 states	All regional self-governing bodies		9 provinces, Seoul, 5 cities
1. Products	200	355	200	355	200
2. Services other than 3. & 4.	200	355	200	355	200
3. Construction services	15,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
4. Architectural, Engineering & Other Technical Services related to 3.	1,500	355	200	355	200
All Other Entities:		6 entities (1)	waterways, transport, energy	9 entities	18 organizations
1. Products	130	400	400	355	450
2. Services other than 3. & 4.	130	400	400	355	-
3. Construction services	15,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
	(Entities in Group A (Except Japan Post))				
	4,500 (Japan Post and entities in Group B)				
4. Architectural, Engineering & Other Technical Services related to 3.	450	400	400	355	450

(1) Two of these six entities set the threshold for the procurement of goods, services, and design consulting services at the SDR equivalent of US\$250,000.