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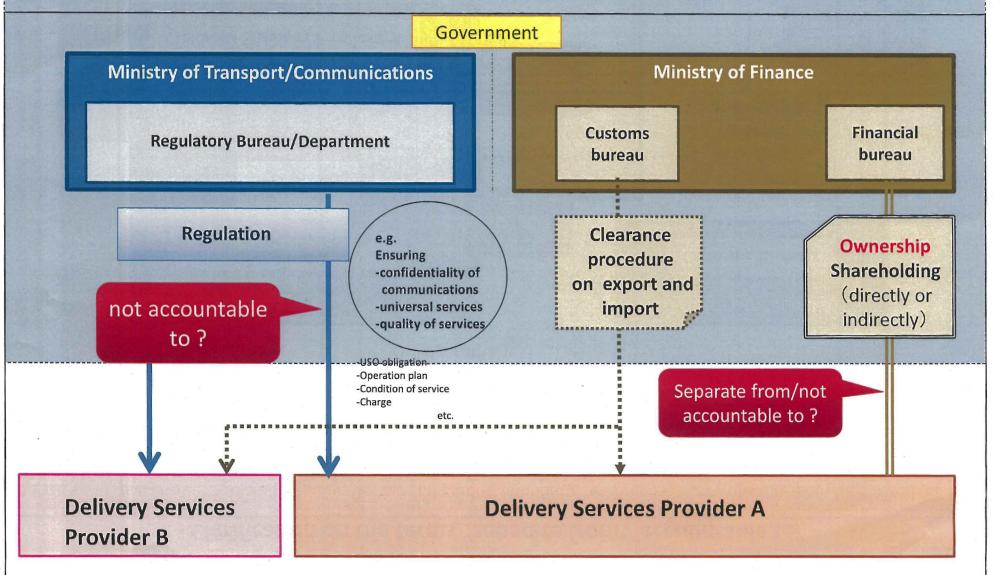
Description

This is a confidential February 2015 memo sent by Japanese negotiators to the other Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) Parties, clarifying the meaning of the terms "separate from" and "accountable to," as they are used in the TiSA Annex on Competitive Delivery Services. The clarification is part of correspondence in connection with the ongoing negotiation of the TiSA, to which Japan is a party. TiSA is an international treaty currently under negotiation between the United States, the European Union and 23 other countries. The Agreement creates an international legal regime which aims to deregulate and privatize the supply of services - which account for the majority of the economy across TiSA countries.

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