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Procurement Policy Note – Public Contracts Regulations 2015

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Issue

1. This PPN announces that The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 have been laid in Parliament and explains when they are due to come into force. These Regulations implement the 2014 EU Public Sector Procurement Directive and a number of new reforms, recommended by Lord Young of Graffham, to make public procurement more accessible to small businesses.
2. Contracting authorities should now complete their final preparations for applying the new rules as soon as they come into effect.

Dissemination and Scope

3. This PPN is directly applicable to central government departments, their ALBs and NDPBs, and to Agencies, the wider public sector, local authorities and NHS bodies.
4. Please circulate this PPN within your organisation, its Executive Agencies and ALBs and NDPBs and to all contracting authorities for which you are responsible, drawing it to the specific attention of those with a purchasing role.

Timing

5. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 102) were laid in Parliament on 5 February 2015 and are due to come into force on 26 February 2015. The new public procurement rules will apply to new procurement exercises commenced on or after 26 February, subject to a small number of exceptions listed in the Regulations.

Further Information

6. More information on the new public procurement rules, including the Regulations, training and guidance material is available at <https://www.gov.uk/transposing-eu-procurement-directives>.

7. Further guidance on the reforms, including making public procurement more accessible to small businesses, will be published shortly.

Contact

8. If you have any queries regarding this PPN, please contact the Crown Commercial Service Helpdesk on 0345 410 2222 or email info@ccs.gsi.gov.uk.