



Procurement Policy Note: Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 and Concession Contracts Regulations 2016

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Issue

1. This PPN announces that The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 and The Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 have been laid in Parliament and explains when they are due to come into force. These Regulations implement the 2014 EU Utilities Contracts Directive and Concession Contracts Directive respectively.
2. The new procurement rules for concession contracts apply to the public sector and to utilities. The new rules for utilities apply only to contracts let by certain utilities.
3. Contracting authorities and utilities should now complete their final preparations for applying these new rules for utilities contracts and concession contracts as soon as they come into effect.

Dissemination and Scope

4. This PPN is directly applicable to all contracting authorities, including Central Government, Executive Agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies, wider public sector, local authorities and NHS bodies, and to utilities. Please circulate this document (for information) within your organisation, including where relevant to Executive Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies and other contracting authorities or utilities for which you are responsible, drawing it to the attention of those with a purchasing role.

Timing

5. These Regulations were laid in Parliament on 17 March 2016 and are due to come into force on 18 April 2016. The new procurement rules for utilities contracts and concession contracts will apply to new procurement exercises commenced on or after 18 April, except to the extent set out in the relevant 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 these changes to the rules will be published shortly.

Contact

8. Enquiries about this PPN should be directed to the Crown Commercial Service Helpdesk (telephone 0345 410 2222, email info@crowncommercial.gov.uk).