

Procurement Update



Transparency

EU Procurement Thresholds – from 1 January 2016

The table below lists updated contract value thresholds, to be applied by Contracting Authorities when considering whether they must follow European procurement procedures from 1 January 2016. While in Euros the values have increased or remained static, they have all decreased in Sterling:

Contracting Authorities	Public Contracts for	New Threshold (net of VAT)
Central government bodies	Supplies or Services	£106,047 (€135,000)
Other contracting authorities (e.g. registered social landlords, councils)	Supplies or Services	£164,176 (€209,000)
All Contracting Authorities	Works	£4,104,394 (€5,225,000)
	“Light regime” services – e.g. social services, legal services	£589,148 (€750,000)
	Small lots / Supplies or Services	£62,842 (€80,000)
	Small lots / Works	£785,530 (€1,000,000)

In Scotland, the European directive related to the above thresholds is to be brought into Scots law by 18 April 2016 at the latest and, to complete that process, draft regulations are awaited.

Scottish Procurement Thresholds – coming soon!

In addition, the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 is due to come into force in 2016 – introducing procurement obligations for contracts with values below the EU procurement thresholds:

Contracting Authorities	Public Contract for	Threshold (net of VAT)
All Contracting Authorities	Supplies or Services	£50,000
	Works	£2,000,000

If you wish advice on procurement, or on any of the exemptions that apply to the requirement to put over-threshold contracts out to tender, please contact **bto**.

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