



## EU Procurement Thresholds from 1 January 2016

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this Scottish Procurement Policy Note (SPPN) is to publicise the threshold values that apply to public procurement exercises run under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012, the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 and the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (“the Procurement Regulations”) from 1 January 2016.

### Key Point

2. The threshold values are relevant to all procurement exercises commenced on or after 1 January 2016 and are expected to apply for a two year period.

3. Once the forthcoming implementing regulations for the new EU Directives come into force, a further SPPN will be published detailing the applicable thresholds.

### Background

4. The threshold values that apply to the Procurement Regulations are re-valued, in Euros, every two years by the European Commission. The Commission then applies a conversion formula to the revised Euros figure for those Member States who have their own national currency. Whilst there will be a small increase in the Euro threshold from 1 January 2016, the Sterling equivalent figure will decrease slightly.

5. Annex A provides a summary of the main threshold values which will apply under existing public procurement legislation in Scotland.

### **Action Required**

6. Public bodies are required to apply the revised threshold values to procurements where the tendering process commences on or after 1 January 2016.

### **Dissemination**

7. Please bring this SPPN to the attention of all relevant staff, including those in Agencies, Non-Departmental Public Bodies and other sponsored public bodies within your area of responsibility.

### **Contact**

8. Any enquiries relating to this SPPN should be addressed to Scottish Procurement: [Scottishprocurement@gov.scot](mailto:Scottishprocurement@gov.scot).

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## ANNEX A

### Summary of thresholds from 1 January 2016 (net of VAT)

#### PUBLIC CONTRACTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

	SUPPLIES	SERVICES	WORKS
Entities listed in Schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>	£106,047 €135,000	£106,047 <sup>2</sup> €135,000	£4,104,394 <sup>3</sup> €5,225,000
Other public sector contracting authorities	£164,176 €209,000	£164,176 €209,000	£4,104,394 <sup>3</sup> €5,225,000
Prior Information Notices	£589,148 €750,000	£589,148 €750,000	£4,104,394 €5,225,000
Small Lots	£62,842 €80,000	£62,842 €80,000	£785,530 €1,000,000

#### UTILITIES CONTRACTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

All sectors	£328,352 €418,000	£328,352 €418,000	£4,104,394 €5,225,000
Prior Information Notices	£589,148 €750,000	£589,148 €750,000	£4,104,394 €5,225,000
Small lots	£62,842 €80,000	£62,842 €80,000	£785,530 €1,000,000

#### DEFENCE AND SECURITY PUBLIC CONTRACTS REGULATIONS 2011

All sectors	£328,352 €418,000	£328,352 €418,000	£4,104,394 €5,225,000
Small lots	£62,842 €80,000	£62,842 €80,000	£785,530 €1,000,000

<sup>1</sup> Schedule 1 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 lists central government bodies subject to the WTO GPA. These thresholds will also apply to any successor bodies.

<sup>2</sup> With the exception of the following services which have a threshold of £164,176:

- Part B (residual) services
  
- Research & Development Services (Category 8)
  
- The following Telecommunications services in Category 5
  - CPC 7524 - Television and Radio Broadcast services
  - CPC 7525 - Interconnection services
  - CPC 7526 - Integrated telecommunications services
  
- Subsidised services contracts under regulation 34.

<sup>3</sup> Including subsidised works contracts under regulation 34.