

NEW PROCUREMENT THRESHOLDS APPLICABLE FROM 1 JANUARY 2018

On 18 December 2017, the European Commission published a set of Regulations amending the applicable thresholds for the procurement directives.

This was followed, on 19 December, by the publication from the Commission of a communication setting out the corresponding values in national currencies, including GBP.

The new thresholds, which will apply to procurement processes commenced on or after 1 January 2018, are as follows:

Regulations	Type of Contract	New Threshold (£)	New Threshold (€)	Previous Threshold (£)
Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)	Supply and services contracts and design contests awarded by Central Government	£118,133	€144,000	£106,047
	Supply and services contracts and design contests awarded by sub-central contracting authorities	£181,302	€221,000	£164,176
	Works contracts	£4,551,413	€5,548,000	£4,104,314
	Light-touch regime contracts	£615,278	€750,000	£589,148
Concession Contracts Regulations 2016	Concession contracts	£4,551,413	€5,548,000	£4,104,394
Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016	Supply and services contracts and design contests	£363,424	€443,000	£328,352
	Works contracts	£4,551,413	€5,548,000	£4,104,314
	Light-touch regime contracts	£820,370	€1,000,000	£785,530

Procurement thresholds are revised every two years and this revision has resulted in a slight increase across all applicable thresholds. This is due both to inflation and the recent changes in the exchange rate. This increase is likely to be welcomed by contracting authorities and utilities alike as it may result in an increased number of contracts now falling outside the full application of the Regulations.

If you require any further information or advice regarding the application of these thresholds, or indeed more generally on procurement law, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our procurement team.