

No deal Brexit – where will tenders be published post March 2019?⁶

As you will be aware, all procurement opportunities governed by the EU procurement directives are advertised on the Official Journal of the European Union (**OJEU**) via Tenders Electronic Daily (**TED**). Procurement opportunities are also advertised on tendering portals, such as eTendersNI in Northern Ireland.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal in March 2019, the government has been preparing a solution: a replacement UK-specific e-notification service. Changes will be made to existing procurement legislation to ensure continued interoperability.

Contract notices that would have been published in TED will be published via the new e-notification service, which will be compliant with the current requirement to send notices for publication on OJEU. Publication will be electronic and the service will be free for all users.

Further guidance and engagement in relation to ongoing procurement procedures in the handover period will be made available closer to the time.

Suppliers wishing to access UK contract opportunities will need to do so via the new e-notification service from the date of the UK's exit of the EU. However, suppliers in Northern Ireland will still be able to access opportunities via the eTendersNI portal.

We are, of course, keeping a close eye all on things Brexit-related, in particular Government issued guidance, and are equally frustrated by the ongoing uncertainty. We will be in touch over the next few weeks with further updates in relation to the potential impact of Brexit on our procurement regime as further details emerge.

⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/accessing-public-sector-contracts-if-theres-no-brex-it-deal/accessing-public-sector-contracts-if-theres-no-brex-it-deal>