## SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2016 No. 30

## The Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016

## **Transitional provisions**

**5.**—(1) Despite the coming into force of section 15 of the Act, a contracting authority is not required to prepare a procurement strategy relating to any period before 31st December 2016.

(2) The first procurement strategy prepared by a contracting authority must cover the remainder of the financial year of the contracting authority in which 31st December 2016 occurs and the first financial year starting after 31st December 2016.

(3) The Act does not apply to any regulated procurement where the procedure was commenced before 18th April 2016.

(4) For the purpose of paragraph (3), a procedure is commenced before 18th April 2016, if before that date a contracting authority has—

- (a) published any form of advertisement seeking offers in relation to the contract; or
- (b) contacted any economic operator in order to-
  - (i) seek offers in relation to the contract; or
  - (ii) respond to an unsolicited offer received from that economic operator in relation to the contract.