
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 102

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015

PART 2

RULES IMPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC CONTRACTS DIRECTIVE

CHAPTER 1

SCOPE AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

SECTION 2

General Rules

Confidentiality

21.—(1) A contracting authority shall not disclose information which has been forwarded to it by an economic operator and designated by that economic operator as confidential, including, but not limited to, technical or trade secrets and the confidential aspects of tenders.

(2) Paragraph (1) is without prejudice to—

- (a) any other provision of this Part, including the obligations relating to the advertising of awarded contracts and the provision of information to candidates and tenderers set out in regulations 50 and 55 respectively;
- (b) the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ^{M1};
- (c) any other requirement, or permission, for the disclosure of information that is applicable under the law of England and Wales or, as the case may be, Northern Ireland.

(3) Contracting authorities may impose on economic operators requirements aimed at protecting the confidential nature of information which the contracting authorities make available throughout the procurement procedure.

Marginal Citations

M1 2000 c.36.

Changes to legislation:

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Section 21 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulations revoked by [2023 c. 54 Sch. 11 para. 5](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- reg. 6(15A) words omitted by [S.I. 2023/506 reg. 2\(3\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2023/506 revoked before coming into force by The Public Procurement (International Trade Agreements) (Amendment) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/567), regs. 1(2), 6)
- reg. 10(1)(d)(i)(aa) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/560 reg. 5\(9\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Affecting Regulations revoked (20.11.2020) by S.I. 2020/1319, regs. 1(3), 2(a))
- reg. 10(1)(d)(i)(bb) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/560 reg. 5\(9\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Affecting Regulations revoked (20.11.2020) by S.I. 2020/1319, regs. 1(3), 2(a))
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