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PART 1

GENERAL

CHAPTER 3

MATERIAL SCOPE

SECTION 2

*Excluded contracts and design contests; special provisions
for procurement involving defence and security aspects*

SUB-SECTION 5 Activities directly exposed to competition and related procedural provisions

Activities directly exposed to competition

32.—(1) These Regulations do not apply to procurement for the award of a contract or a design contest intended to enable an activity mentioned in regulations 8 to 14 to be carried out where that activity is directly exposed to competition on markets to which access is not restricted.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the activity is directly exposed to competition on markets to which access is not restricted only if—

(a) the activity is covered by the following Commission decisions—

- (i) Commission [Decision 2006/211/EC](#) establishing that Article 30(1) of [Directive 2004/17/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors applies to electricity generation in England, Scotland and Wales (notified under document number C(2006) 690)(1);
- (ii) Commission [Decision 2007/141/EC](#) establishing that Article 30(1) of [Directive 2004/17/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors applies to the supply of electricity and gas in England, Scotland and Wales (notified under document number C(2007) 559)(2); and
- (iii) Commission [Decision 2010/192/EU](#) exempting exploration for and exploitation of oil and gas in England, Scotland and Wales from the application of [Directive 2004/17/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors (notified under document C(2010) 1920)(3);^{F1}...

(1) OJ L 76, 15.3.2006, p.6.

(2) OJ L 62, 1.3.2007, p.23.

(3) OJ L 84, 31.3.2010, p.52.

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^{F1}(b)

(3) The activity referred to in paragraph (1) may form a part of a larger sector or be exercised only in certain parts of the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

F1 [Reg. 32\(2\)\(b\)](#) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Public Procurement etc. \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/468\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(20)** (with sch. paras. 1-5)

Commencement Information

I1 [Reg. 32](#) in force at 18.4.2016, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Procedure for establishing whether regulation 32(2)(b) is applicable

^{F2}**33.**

Textual Amendments

F2 [Reg. 33](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Public Procurement etc. \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/468\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(21)** (with sch. paras. 1-5)

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- Regulations applied by [2023 c. 54 s. 119\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Regulations power to amend conferred by [2023 c. 54 s. 115\(3\)\(4\)](#)

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- Pt. 5A inserted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(61\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.S.I. 2019/112 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.S.I. 2020/468, regs. 1(3), 2(2)(a))
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- reg. 20(1)(d)(i)(aa) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(11\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.S.I. 2019/112 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.S.I. 2020/468, regs. 1(3), 2(2)(a))
- reg. 20(1)(d)(i)(bb) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(11\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.S.I. 2019/112 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.S.I. 2020/468, regs. 1(3), 2(2)(a))
- reg. 38A inserted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(26\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.S.I. 2019/112 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.S.I. 2020/468, regs. 1(3), 2(2)(a))
- reg. 41(1) reg. 41 renumbered as reg. 41(1) by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(27\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.S.I. 2019/112 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.S.I. 2020/468, regs. 1(3), 2(2)(a))
- reg. 41(1) words omitted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(27\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(27)(b)(i) substituted by S.S.I. 2019/114, reg. 2(5)(a)(ii)(aa) and then S.S.I. 2019/112 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.S.I. 2020/468, regs. 1(3), 2(2)(a))
- reg. 41(1) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(27\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(27)(b)(ii) omitted by virtue of S.S.I. 2019/114, reg. 2(5)(a)(ii)(bb))
- reg. 41(1) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(27\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(27)(b)(iii) substituted by S.S.I. 2019/114, reg. 2(5)(a)(ii)(cc) and then S.S.I. 2019/112 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.S.I. 2020/468, regs. 1(3), 2(2)(a))
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- reg. 100(4A) inserted by S.S.I. 2019/112, reg. 5(58)(da) (as substituted) by [S.S.I. 2019/114 reg. 2\(5\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.S.I. 2019/114 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.S.I. 2020/468, regs. 1(3), 2(2)(b))