

## SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2016 No. 49

## The Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016

### PART 2

#### RULES APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS

##### CHAPTER 1

##### PROCEDURES

#### Open Procedure

**43.**—(1) In an open procedure, a utility must permit any interested economic operator to submit a tender in response to a call for competition within the time period set by the utility in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The tender must be accompanied by the information for qualitative selection that is required by the utility.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (4) to (6), the minimum time period for the receipt of tenders shall be 35 days from the date on which the contract notice is [<sup>F1</sup>submitted] for publication.

(4) Where a utility has published a periodic indicative notice <sup>F2</sup>..., the minimum time limit for the receipt of tenders may be reduced to 15 days, provided that—

[<sup>F3</sup>(a) the periodic indicative notice included (in addition to the information required by regulation 65(2)) the information set out in section II of Part A of Annex VI to the Utilities Contracts Directive, read subject to the following modifications—

(i) in paragraph 7, the reference to the third and fourth sub-paragraph of Article 73(1) is to be read as a reference to regulation 71(4) and (5) of these Regulations;

(ii) in paragraph 21, the reference to Article 82 is to be read as a reference to regulation 80 of these Regulations; and]

(b) the periodic indicative notice was [<sup>F4</sup>submitted] for publication between 35 days and 12 months before the date on which the contract notice was [<sup>F4</sup>submitted] for publication.

(5) Where a state of urgency duly substantiated by a utility renders it impracticable to apply the minimum time limit set out in paragraph (3), the utility may fix a time limit which must not be less than 15 days from the date on which the contract notice was [<sup>F5</sup>submitted] for publication.

(6) A utility may reduce the minimum time period referred to in paragraph (3) by a period of up to 5 days where it accepts that tenders may be submitted by electronic means in accordance with regulation 38 (rules applicable to communication).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in reg. 43(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Public Procurement etc. \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/468\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(28)(a)** (with sch. paras. 1-5)

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- F2** Words in reg. 43(4) omitted (30.5.2023) by virtue of The Public Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (S.S.I. 2023/124), regs. 2, **5(7)(a)** (with reg. 3)
- F3** Reg. 43(4)(a) substituted (30.5.2023) by The Public Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (S.S.I. 2023/124), regs. 2, **5(7)(b)** (with reg. 3)
- F4** Word in reg. 43(4)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.S.I. 2020/468), regs. 1(2), **6(28)(b)(ii)** (with sch. paras. 1-5)
- F5** Word in reg. 43(5) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.S.I. 2020/468), regs. 1(2), **6(28)(c)** (with sch. paras. 1-5)

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** Reg. 43 in force at 18.4.2016, see **reg. 1(2)**

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### **Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Regulations applied by [2023 c. 54 s. 119\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Regulations power to amend conferred by [2023 c. 54 s. 115\(3\)\(4\)](#)
- reg. 43(3) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(28\)\(a\)](#) (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. 43(4)(a) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(28\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (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. 43(4)(b) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(28\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (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. 43(5) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(28\)\(c\)](#) (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))

### **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):

- 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))
- reg. 3(2)-(2C) substituted for reg. 3(2) by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(3\)\(b\)](#) (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. 15A inserted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(7\)](#) (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)(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))
- reg. 41(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2019/112, reg. 5(27)(b)(i) (as substituted) by [S.S.I. 2019/114 reg. 2\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (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))
- reg. 41(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2019/112, reg. 5(27)(b)(iii) (as substituted) by [S.S.I. 2019/114 reg. 2\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (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))
- reg. 41(2) inserted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(27\)\(c\)](#) (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. 50(25)(25A) substituted for reg. 50(25) by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(33\)\(c\)](#) (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. 66(2A) inserted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(38\)\(b\)](#) (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. 69(5)(6) inserted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(41\)\(f\)](#) (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. 74(6A)-(6C) inserted by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(44\)\(c\)](#) (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. 100(3)(3A) substituted for reg. 100(3) by [S.S.I. 2019/112 reg. 5\(58\)\(c\)](#) (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. 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))