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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Under Part I of the Local Government Act 1988, the cleaning of buildings by defined authorities may be carried out by defined authorities only after it has been put out to tender. The exemption from this requirement for certain police buildings is removed by article 3 of the Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Defined Activities) Order 1995, except in relation to buildings used (in England and Wales) by regional crime squads.

Regulations 3 and 4 apply the competitive tendering requirements in Part I of the Local Government Act 1988 to specified proportions of the cleaning of police buildings as from 1st October 1996.

Regulation 5 specifies the minimum and maximum periods for which police authorities may resolve to undertake building cleaning work, prior to putting the work out to competitive tender.