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**AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS IN
RESPECT OF THE THREE PACKAGE PROCEDURE**

Reference is made to SL.174.04 'Public Procurement Regulations' and in particular to Part XII regulating the Three Package Procedure in calls for tenders.

Contracting Authorities are being informed that as per LN293/2014, which amends the above mentioned regulations, the threshold for the application of the Three Package Procedure is being set at €15,000,000, exclusive of VAT.

Furthermore, the requirement established in Regulation 83(1)(a) of SL.174.04 on the obligation of bidders to submit an original 'Bid Bond' by the closing date and time of the call for tenders, is to be discontinued. Instead bidders are to be requested to scan a copy of the original bid bond on the electronic Public Procurement System (ePPS) and submit the original document within five (5) working days from the closing date of the tender.

When the traditional form of tendering is used Contracting Authorities are to follow the same guidelines as above, that is, bidders are to be allowed to submit a photocopy of the Bid Bond with their offer followed by submission of the original document within five (5) working days.

These instructions are to take immediate effect. New templates reflecting the above amendments are available online.

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