

Department of Contracts
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To Heads of Department
and Parastatal Bodies

Public Contracts with estimated values equalling or exceeding EU Thresholds

As you are by now aware the new Public Contracts Regulations 2003 (L.N. 299/2003) came into effect on 1 January 2004 by virtue of L.N. 388/2003.

The coming into force of these new Regulations imposes the need for compliancy with the new publicity procedure for calls for tenders in respect of contracts having an estimated value which equals or exceeds the thresholds set out in Schedule 9 of the Regulations.

One very important requirement which must be complied with is the provision of publicity for such tenders in the Official Journal of the European Community. This, of course, apart from the usual publicity in the local Government Gazette.

In order for publicity in the Official Journal to be provided, Contracting Authorities (namely the entities listed in Schedule 1 of the Regulations) should, with immediate effect, complete the relevant Contract Notice. This Contract Notice (Standard Form 1 – EN – 9 pages) can be downloaded from <http://www.simap.eu.int/EN/pub/src/welcome.htm>. In the case of the Contracting Authorities listed in Schedule 2 of the Public Contracts Regulations, it should be forwarded, duly completed, to the Department of Contracts along with the usual covering letter requesting the issue of the call for tenders. An e-mail version of the same form should be forwarded to richard-jude.abela@gov.mt. The entities listed in Schedule 3 of the Regulations shall themselves be responsible for the onward transmission of the Contract Notice to the Official Journal in Brussels.

Kindly note that non-observance of the above will probably cause serious delays in the publication of calls for tenders, and therefore, all procurement officers are requested to co-operate with the Department of Contracts in this matter.

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