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ADMINISTERING PROCUREMENT CALLS: INTERIM MODUS OPERANDI

Further to Contracts Circular 02/2020 published on the 24 February 2020, Part (iv) of the same Circular is being amended as follows:

(iv) Contract Agreements, Modifications and Addenda

The signing of the Contract Agreement is the responsibility of the Ministry under which the Contracting Authority is now allocated, as a result of the re-organization of the Ministries earlier this year. Therefore, the signatory of the said agreement shall be defined in line with the current Procurement Regulations in force. However, with specific reference to a Contracting Authority which is currently listed under Schedule 16 but its new Ministry is not decentralized, (i.e. there is no MPU in that Ministry), it shall have its Contract Agreement endorsed by the Minister charged with responsibility for that Contracting Authority, or her / his delegate.

Any contract currently being implemented (including any endorsed Addenda), any Modification Requests, Approvals and Addenda shall be the remit and responsibility of the relevant authority as per the current Procurement Regulations in force, i.e. the Contracting Authority will have to obtain the approval of the Ministry under which it is now allocated if the law so requires.

Other parts of the same Circular remain unchanged.

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