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To: Functional Heads, Administration / Finance of all Departments and Agencies

Subject: Update of thresholds for the International Trade Agreements (ITAs)

Summary

The thresholds in effect from January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2013 for procurements subject to various international trade agreements are set out in the table below. The thresholds for the Agreement on Internal Trade do not change.

	Entities (Departments & Agencies)			Crown Corporations		
Trade Agreement	Goods	Services	Construction	Goods	Services	Construction
AIT						
Annex 502.1A	25,000	100,000	100,000	25,000	100,000	100,000
Annex 502.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	500,000	500,000	5,000,000
<u>Chile *</u>	78,500	78,500	7,800,000	392,700	392,700	12,500,000
<u>Colombia *</u>	78,500	78,500	7,800,000	392,700	392,700	12,500,000
<u>NAFTA</u>						

THRESHOLD (CDN \$ January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2013)

* Under Canada-Chile and Canada-Colombia, there are "extended transparency" commitments to provide suppliers with information regarding procurements for which they are not eligible to bid but where: (1) an open-tendering process is used; and (2) the procurement value exceeds CDN \$124,000 for Chile and CDN \$150,000 for Colombia.

	Entities (Departments & Agencies)			Crown Corporations				
Trade Agreement	Goods	Services	Construction	Goods	Services	Construction		
Can/US	25,300	78,500	10,200,000	392,700	392,700	12,500,000		
Can/MEX	78,500	78,500	10,200,000	392,700	392,700	12,500,000		
WTO-AGP	205,100	205,100	7,800,000	560,300	560,300	7,800,000		
<u>Peru</u>	78,500	78,500	7,800,000	392,700	392,700	12,500,000		
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Background

Every two years, the thresholds in the international trade agreements are updated. This Notice amends the thresholds in Contracting Policy Notice 2009-3 to provide new thresholds, which are expressed in Canadian dollars. All thresholds are for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. The thresholds for the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) remain unchanged for entities listed in <u>Annex 502.1A</u> at \$25,000 for goods and \$100,000 for services and construction. The AIT thresholds for Entities of a Commercial or Industrial Nature listed in <u>Annex 502.3</u> remain unchanged at \$500,000 for goods or services and \$5,000,000 for construction services.

References

- 1. The trade agreements to which this Contracting Policy Notice pertains have been hyperlinked in the table above.
- 2. <u>Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations</u>
- 3. Treasury Board Contracting Policy

Enquiries

1. For matters of content with respect to government procurement obligations contained in any of the international trade agreements, please contact the **Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade:**

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