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From Treasury Board Secretariat

**Date:** April 1, 2021

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

**Subject:** Entry into force of the Canada-United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement

## Summary

The Agreement on Trade Continuity between Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Canada-UK TCA) enters into force on April 1, 2021. This agreement is an international free trade agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom, and it includes government procurement obligations for both parties.

The Canada-UK TCA incorporates the government procurement obligations of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) by reference. This means that the government procurement obligations in Canada-UK TCA (including procedural rules and market access, including covered entities, commodities and thresholds) are identical to those already established in CETA. Thus, compliance with the Canada-UK TCA requires no adjustments to existing Federal procurement processes, other than identifying its application where required. All departments and agencies are encouraged to review Chapter 19 and

associated annexes on government procurement in CETA in order to familiarize themselves with Canada’s obligations under CETA and the Canada-UK TCA and their applicability to potential contracts. Contracting Policy Notice 2017-4 also provides information on the CETA obligations relating to government procurement.

## Thresholds for Trade Agreements

As of April 1, 2021, the thresholds for procurements subject to free trade agreements to which the federal government is a party is as follows:

### Thresholds

(CDN\$ April 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021)

Internal Free Trade Agreement	Entities (departments and agencies)			Crown corporations and other government enterprises		
	Goods	Services	Construction	Goods	Services	Construction
<u>Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)</u>	26,400	105,700	105,700	528,300	528,300	5,283,200

### Thresholds

(CDN\$ April 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021)

International Free Trade Agreement	Entities (departments and agencies)			Crown corporations and other government enterprises		
	Goods	Services	Construction	Goods	Services	Construction
<u>Canada–Chile Free Trade Agreement</u> *	108,400	108,400	9,100,000	542,400	542,400	17,300,000
<u>Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)</u>	238,000	238,000	9,100,000	650,000	650,000	9,100,000
<u>Canada–Colombia Free Trade Agreement</u> *	108,400	108,400	9,100,000	542,400	542,400	17,300,000

<u>Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)</u>	238,000	238,000	9,100,000	Annex 19-3, Section A: 650,000	Annex 19-3, Section A: 650,000	9,100,000
				Annex 19-3, Section B: 732,400	Annex 19-3, Section B: 732,400	
<u>Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement</u>	108,400	108,400	9,100,000	542,400	542,400	17,300,000
<u>Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement</u>	100,000	100,000	9,100,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
<u>Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement</u>	108,400	108,400	9,100,000	542,400	542,400	17,300,000
<u>Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement</u>	173,900	173,900	9,100,000	542,400	542,400	17,300,000
<u>Canada-UK Trade Continuity Agreement (Canada-UK TCA)</u>	238,000	238,000	9,100,000	CETA Annex 19-3, Section A: 650,000	CETA Annex 19-3, Section A: 650,000	9,100,000
				Annex 19-3, Section B: 732,400	Annex 19-3, Section B: 732,400	
<u>Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement</u> *	238,000	238,000	9,100,000	650,000	650,000	9,100,000
<u>World Trade Organization-Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-GPA)</u>	238,000	238,000	9,100,000	650,000	650,000	9,100,000

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Under the free trade agreements that Canada has with Chile, Colombia and Ukraine, 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 CAN \$124,000 for Chile and Ukraine and CAN \$150,000 for Colombia.

## References

The trade agreements to which this Contracting Policy Notice pertains have been hyperlinked in the table above.

- [Contracting Policy Notice 2017-4: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement \(CETA\)](#)
- [Canada-UK Trade Continuity Agreement](#)
- [Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement](#)
- [Canadian International Trade Tribunal Procurement Inquiry Regulations](#)
- [Treasury Board Contracting Policy](#)

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