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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Article 17 of Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC¹ empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to revise the thresholds for supply, service and works contracts, and design contests.

Article 17 of Directive 2014/25/EU also provides for the urgency procedure to be used, in accordance with Article 104 of that Directive, in the event of time constraints.

In accordance with Article 17(1) of Directive 2014/25/EU, the thresholds are to be calculated on the basis of the average daily value of the euro in terms of special drawing rights (SDRs), over a period of 24 months ending on 31 August preceding the revision, with effect from 1 January. Consequently, calculation of the thresholds cannot start earlier than 1 September for reasons of data availability. Furthermore, in accordance with Article 17(3) of that Directive, the revised thresholds (in euro) and their corresponding values in other European Union national currencies must be published by the Commission in the *Official Journal of the European Union* at the beginning of November.

In view of the above, and to meet the above-mentioned deadline, the Commission is using the urgency procedure to adopt this Regulation.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Commission Government Experts Group on Public Procurement was consulted on this Regulation and the accompanying Communication.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The calculation of the thresholds for the public procurement directives is a purely mathematical operation. Therefore, the revision of the thresholds is merely a technical exercise. It must be carried out every two years in accordance with the terms of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). The purpose of the adjustments is to correct for any currency movements between the signatories which would affect the extent to which their procurement markets are open to competition from companies in other signatory countries.

The GPA sets thresholds in SDRs and has a mechanism for recalculating the equivalent value in the currencies of its parties every two years. This mechanism is given legal effect through Article 17 of Directive 2014/25/EU.

For reasons of consistency, those thresholds in Directive 2014/25/EU which are not covered by the GPA should also be aligned.

¹ Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 243, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/25/oj>).

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC¹, and in particular Article 17(4), second subparagraph thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 2014/115/EU², the Council approved the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement³ concluded within the framework of the World Trade Organization. The amended Agreement on Government Procurement ('the Agreement') is a plurilateral instrument and its purpose is to mutually open government procurement markets among its parties. The Agreement applies to any procurement contract with a value greater than or equal to the amounts ('thresholds') set therein, expressed in terms of special drawing rights.
- (2) One of the objectives of Directive 2014/25/EU is to allow the contracting entities applying that Directive to comply at the same time with the obligations laid down in the Agreement. In accordance with Article 17(1) of Directive 2014/25/EU, the Commission is to verify every two years that the thresholds for supply, service and works contracts, and design contests set in Article 15, points (a) and (b), of that Directive correspond to the thresholds set in the Agreement. Given that the thresholds calculated in accordance with Article 17(1) of Directive 2014/25/EU are different from the thresholds set in Article 15, points (a) and (b), of that Directive, those thresholds should be revised.
- (3) Article 17(1) of Directive 2014/25/EU requires the Commission to revise the thresholds every two years, with effect from 1 January. Consequently, the thresholds for 2026-2027 should apply from 1 January 2026.
- (4) Directive 2014/25/EU should therefore be amended accordingly,

¹ OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 243, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/25/oj>.

² Council Decision 2014/115/EU of 2 December 2013 on the conclusion of the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement (OJ L 68, 7.3.2014, p. 1, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2014/115\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2014/115(1)/oj)).

³ Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement (OJ L 68, 7.3.2014, p. 2, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/prot/2014/115/oj>).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 15 of Directive 2014/25/EU is amended as follows:

- (1) in point (a), ‘EUR 443 000’ is replaced by ‘EUR 432 000’;
- (2) in point (b), ‘EUR 5 538 000’ is replaced by ‘EUR 5 404 000’.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2026.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22.10.2025

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN