

British Goods (Public Sector Purchasing Duty) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Duty on public bodies to have presumption in favour of British goods

- (1) A contracting authority must exercise a presumption in favour of purchasing goods originating in the United Kingdom in purchasing decisions.
- (2) That duty applies notwithstanding the principles of procurement in regulation 18 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/102) (which implemented the Public Sector Procurement Directive (2014/24/EU)). 5
- (3) The duty does not apply to a contracting authority if its functions are wholly or mainly Northern Ireland devolved functions, Welsh devolved functions or Scottish devolved functions.
- (4) In this Act, “contracting authority”, “Northern Ireland devolved functions”, “Welsh devolved functions” and “Scottish devolved functions” have the same meaning as in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/102). 10

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which this Act is passed. 15
- (3) This Act may be cited as the British Goods (Public Sector Purchasing Duty) Act 2021.

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Presented by John Spellar

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