

Public Procurement (British Goods and Services) Bill

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Make provision about public procurement in respect of British goods and services; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the King’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 Amendment of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012: British goods and services

- (1) The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1—
- (a) after subsection (3)(b), insert— 5
- “(c) how the procurement of British goods and services, including from small and medium-sized enterprises, might—
- (i) secure that improvement, or
- (ii) improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of one or more other areas in the United Kingdom; 10
- (d) how, in procuring British goods and services, the authority might act to support good employment standards and working practices.”; 15
- (b) in subsection (15), in the appropriate place insert—
- ““British goods and services” means goods or services originating in the United Kingdom;”;
- (c) in subsection (15), in the appropriate places insert—
- ““good employment standards and working practices” include, but are not limited to, compliance with national and international obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law, and collective agreements; 20
- “collective agreement” has the meaning given in section 178 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992;”. 25

(d) in subsection (15), in the appropriate place insert—

““small or medium-sized enterprise” has the meaning given by section 1119 of the Corporation Tax Act 2009;”.

2 Amendment of the Procurement Act 2023: contract award notices

- (1) Section 95 of the Procurement Act 2023 is amended as follows. 5
- (2) After subsection (3), insert—
- “(3A) Regulations made under subsection (1) about the form and content of contract award notices must require a contracting authority to include in such a notice—
- (a) reasonable detail about how it has complied with its obligations under sections 1(3)(c) and (d) of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012; 10
- (b) where the notice relates to the procurement of food, what proportion of the food procured originates in the United Kingdom, 15
- (c) an assessment of the impact that the threshold amounts set out in Schedule 1 of the Procurement Act 2023 have had on—
- (i) suppliers of British goods and services, and
- (ii) suppliers of British goods and services which are small and medium sized enterprises 20
- in the procurement process.”

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) Section 1 extends to England and Wales.
- (2) Section 2 and this section extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 25
- (3) This Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Public Procurement (British Goods and Services) Act 2024.

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