
Planning Stage

Pipeline Notice: Section 84

- Applies where the authority believes it will expend more than £100M under relevant contracts in the coming financial year.
- Must set out specified information about any public contract with value greater than £2M, where authority intends to publish a tender notice or transparency notice during the reporting period (18 months from first day of the financial year).

Planning Notice: Section 14

- Authority may choose to publish this notice before carrying out preliminary market engagement. This must state the intent to carry out such engagement, and further information as required under Section 86.

Pre-Market Engagement Notice: Section 16

- Authority may choose to publish this notice before carrying out preliminary market engagement. This must state the intent to carry out such engagement, and further information as required under Section 86.

Dynamic Market Notice: Section 39

- **Must be published in relation to the authority's decisions surrounding the handling of dynamic markets. Must be published before establishing, on creation, following modification, and on cessation of a dynamic market.**

Tender Stage

Tender Notice: Section 20

- Advertises **competitive procurement and invites requests to participate/tenders.**
- Must state that contracting authority intends to award a contract under Section 18 (i.e. following a competitive procedure), and other information as required under Section 86.

Transparency Notice: Section 43

- Applies in the cases of **direct contract award under Sections 40 or 42.**
- Must set out intent to award directly, along with information specified under Section 86.

Procurement Termination Notice: Section 53

- Must be published if, after publication of a tender or transparency notice (respectively, under Sections 20 or 43) the authority decides not to award the contract.
- Does not apply to private utilities (S53(3)).

Regulated Below-Threshold Contracts – Tender Notice: Section 79

- **Authority may not advertise for the purpose of inviting tenders in relation to the award of below-threshold contracts without first publishing a below-threshold tender notice.**
- **Applies to contracts that are regulated below-threshold contracts with an estimated value not lower than £12k where awarded by central government authorities, or £30K otherwise.**

Award Stage

Contract Award Notice: Section 48

- Must be published prior to **award of a contract following a competitive procedure** (i.e. under Section 18), stating that the authority intends to enter into a contract, and include information specified under Section 86.

Contract Commencement

Contract Detail Notice: Section 51

- Must declare that the authority **has entered into the contract**, and include information specified under Section 86.
- If a light touch contract, must be published within 120 days from day of contract commencement.
- If not a light touch contract, must be published within 30 days from day of contract commencement.

Regulated Below-Threshold Contracts - Contract Details Notice: Section 79

- **Authority must state in the notice that it intends to award such a contract, along with other information specified in Section 86.**
- **Applies to contracts that are regulated below-threshold contracts with value not lower than £12K where awarded by central government authorities, or £30K otherwise.**

Contract Implementation

Contract Change Notice: Section 70

- Before a contract is modified, a notice must be published stating **intent to modify the contract** and information as required by Section 86.
- Does NOT apply where:
 - Contract is light touch.
 - The proposed modification increases or decreases the term of contract by 10 percent or less of the maximum term provided for on award.
- The proposed modification increases or decreases the estimated value by:
 - 10 percent or less in the case of a contract for goods or services
 - 15 percent or less in the case of a contract for works

Payments Compliance Notice: Section 64

- Must contain details on compliance with Section 63(2) (payment within 30 days), and any other specified information under Section 86.
- Must be published where the authority must make a payment, or a sum owed becomes payable, within 30 days from the last day of a reporting period.
- Does not apply to private utilities.

End of Contract

Contract Termination Notice: Section 73

- Where a contract is terminated (including through discharge or expiry as well as termination by a party or set aside by the court), the notice must state the fact that the contract has been so terminated, and other information required by Section 86.
- Must be published within 30 days from the date of contract termination.