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India


United Kingdom

In an effort to save the British steel industry and level the playing field between British made steel and Chinese imports, the British Government has issued new procurement guidelines requiring public entities to first consider using British made steel before importing from abroad. (http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/02/government-calls-on-councils-to-buy-british-steel-in-bid-to-save/, last accessed 24 April 2016).

France


Ukraine

The Ukrainian Parliament has adopted a law, which will transmute government procurement to an e-procurement platform. The law provides for the application of “Prozorro e-system” for all public tenders that exceed UAH 200,000 for commodity purchases and UAH 1.5 million for service orders. (http://uatoday.tv/politics/public-procurement-of-ukraine-s-central-government-bodies-transferred-to-prozorro-e-system-622626.html, last accessed 24 April 2016).

Canada

A new report indicates that Canada’s coast guard fleet is in desperate need of repairs and new ships. However, under applicable domestic preference procurement rules, Canada will unlikely successfully replace ships in a timely manner.
European Union

The impact of the E.U. Procurement rules on public sector services is explored in this opinion piece. The author argues, among other points, that the new rules have been a major step forward to simplify and modernize procurement in the E.U.

Officials from the European Parliament fear that negotiations over access to public procurement markets could hamper Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership negotiations.

South Africa

South Africa President Jacob Zuma issued a public statement regarding a recent report by the Seriti Commission into allegations of fraud, corruption, and improprieties in strategic defense procurements. Although the Commission found no evidence of fraud or corruption, opposition parties have described the findings as a “white wash.”

New Zealand

New Zealand’s Economic Development Minister hopes that New Zealand business will leverage the country’s accession to the World Trade Organization’s Government Procurement Agreement to compete on U.S. Government procurements.

Bulgaria

The new Bulgaria Public Procurement Act is now in full force and effect. This act implements E.U. Procurement Directives, and seeks to improve efficiency in Bulgarian public procurement.

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