# ANNEX 15-A

# SCHEDULE OF AUSTRALIA

## **SECTION A: Central Government Entities**

#### Thresholds:

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall apply to central government entities listed in this Section where the value of the procurement is estimated, in accordance with Article 15.2.8 (Scope), to equal or exceed:

- (a) for procurement of goods and services, 130,000 SDRs; and
- (b) for procurement of construction services, 5,000,000 SDRs.

2. The monetary thresholds set out in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) shall be adjusted in accordance with Section H of this Schedule.

List of Entities:

- 1. Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- 2. Attorney-General's Department
- 3. Australian Aged Care Quality Agency
- 4. Australian Bureau of Statistics
- 5. Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
- 6. Australian Crime Commission
- 7. Australian Electoral Commission
- 8. Australian Federal Police
- 9. Australian Institute of Criminology
- 10. Australian Law Reform Commission
- 11. Australian National Audit Office
- 12. Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM)
- 13. Australian Public Service Commission
- 14. Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA)

- 15. Australian Research Council
- 16. Australian Taxation Office
- 17. Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)
- 18. Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)
- 19. Australian Transport Safety Bureau
- 20. Bureau of Meteorology
- 21. Commonwealth Grants Commission
- 22. CrimTrac Agency
- 23. Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- 24. Department of Communications and the Arts
- 25. Department of Defence
- 26. Department of Education and Training
- 27. Department of Employment
- 28. Department of Finance
- 29. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 30. Department of Health
- 31. Department of Human Services
- 32. Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- 33. Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
- 34. Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- 35. Department of Parliamentary Services
- 36. Department of Social Services
- 37. Department of the Environment
- 38. Department of the House of Representatives
- 39. Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- 40. Department of the Senate
- 41. Department of the Treasury
- 42. Department of Veterans' Affairs
- 43. Fair Work Commission
- 44. Family Court and Federal Circuit Court
- 45. Federal Court of Australia
- 46. Geoscience Australia
- 47. Inspector-General of Taxation
- 48. IP Australia
- 49. National Archives of Australia
- 50. National Blood Authority

- 51. National Capital Authority
- 52. National Competition Council
- 53. Office of Parliamentary Counsel
- 54. Office of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- 55. Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
- 56. Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
- 57. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- 58. Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman
- 59. Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- 60. Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General
- 61. Old Parliament House
- 62. Productivity Commission
- 63. Professional Services Review Scheme
- 64. Royal Australian Mint
- 65. Safe Work Australia
- 66. Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority (Seacare Authority)
- 67. Workplace Gender Equality Agency

## Notes to Section A

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall only cover those entities listed (including an office within a listed entity) in this Section.

2. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of motor vehicles by any entity listed in this Section.

3. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover procurement relating to the functions of the Australian Government Solicitor.

- 4. Department of Defence
  - (a) Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover Department of Defence procurement of the following goods due to Article 29.2 (Security Exceptions):

Approximately equivalent to:

Weapons	FSC 10
Fire Control Equipment	FSC 12
Ammunition and Explosives	FSC 13
Guided Missiles	FSC 14

Aircraft and Airframe Structural Components	FSC 15	
Aircraft Components and Accessories		
Aircraft Launching, Landing, & Ground Handling Equipment		
Space Vehicles	FSC 18	
Ships, Small Craft, Pontoons and Floating Docks	FSC 19	
Ship and Marine Equipment	FSC 20	
Ground Effect Vehicles, Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Cycles	FSC 23	
Engines, Turbines, and Components	FSC 28	
Engines Accessories	FSC 29	
Bearings	FSC 31	
Water Purification and Sewage Treatment Equipment	FSC 46	
Valves	FSC 48	
Maintenance and Repair Shop Equipment	FSC 49	
Prefabricated Structures and Scaffolding	FSC 54	
Communication, Detection, and Coherent Radiation Equipment	FSC 58	
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Components	FSC 59	
Fiber Optics Materials, Components, Assemblies, and Accessories	FSC 60	
Electric Wire, and Power and Distribution Equipment	FSC 61	
Alarm, Signal and Security Detection Systems	FSC 63	
Instruments and Laboratory Equipment	FSC 66	
Specialty Metals	No Code	

**Note**: Whether a good is included within the scope of this Note shall be determined solely according to the descriptions provided in the left column above. U.S. Federal Supply Codes are provided for reference purposes only. For a complete listing of the United States Federal Supply Codes, to which the Australian categories are approximately equivalent, see <u>https://www.fbo.gov/</u>.

(b) For Australia, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the following services, as elaborated in the Common Classification System and the WTO system of classification – MTN.GNS/W/120, due to Article 29.2 (Security Exceptions). For a complete listing of Common Classification System, see <u>http://www.sice.oas.org/trade/nafta/chap-105.asp</u>.

(i) Design, development, integration, test, evaluation, maintenance, repair, modification, rebuilding and installation of military systems and equipment (approximately equivalent to relevant parts of U.S. Product Service Codes A & J).

- (ii) Operation of Government-owned Facilities (approximately equivalent to U.S. Product Service Code M).
- (iii) Space services (AR, B4 & V3).
- (iv) Services in support of military forces overseas.
- (c) Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of goods and services by, or on behalf of, the Defence Intelligence Organisation, the Australian Signals Directorate, or the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation.
- (d) In respect of Article 15.4 (National Treatment and Non-Discrimination) the Australian Government reserves the right, pursuant to Article 29.2 (Security Exceptions), to maintain the Australian industry capability programme and its successor programmes and policies.
- (e) In respect of the Department of Defence, a good or a service is covered with respect to Viet Nam only to the extent that Viet Nam has covered that good or service in its Schedule.

# **SECTION B: Sub-Central Government Entities**

## Thresholds:

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall apply to sub-central government entities listed in this Section where the value of the procurement is estimated, in accordance with Article 15.2.8 (Scope), to equal or exceed:

- (a) for procurement of goods and services, 355,000 SDR; and
- (b) for procurement of construction services, 5,000,000 SDR.

2. The monetary thresholds set out in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) shall be adjusted in accordance with Section H of this Schedule.

## List of Entities:

Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall cover only those entities specifically listed in this Section.

## **Australian Capital Territory**

- 1. ACT Gambling and Racing Commission
- 2. ACT Insurance Authority
- 3. ACTION
- 4. ACT Auditor-General
- 5. Capital Metro Authority
- 6. Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
- 7. Community Services Directorate
- 8. Cultural Facilities Corporation
- 9. Education and Training Directorate
- 10. Environment and Planning Directorate
- 11. Health Directorate
- 12. Housing ACT
- 13. Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission
- 14. Justice and Community Safety Directorate
- 15. Legal Aid Commission

- 16. Ombudsman of the ACT
- 17. Territory and Municipal Services Directorate

**Note**: For the entities listed for the Australian Capital Territory, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of health and welfare services, education services, utility services, or motor vehicles.

## **New South Wales**

- 1. Advocate for Children and Young People
- 2. Board of Studies, Teaching and Education Standards
- 3. Crown Solicitor's Office
- 4. Department of Education
- 5. Department of Family and Community Services
- 6. Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
- 7. Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development
- 8. Department of Justice
- 9. Department of Planning and Environment
- 10. Department of Premier and Cabinet
- 11. Environment Protection Authority
- 12. Fire and Rescue NSW
- 13. Health Care Complaints Commission
- 14. Information and Privacy Commission (Note 3)
- 15. Legal Aid NSW
- 16. Ministry of Health
- 17. Ministry for Police and Emergency Services
- 18. Motor Accidents Authority of NSW
- 19. Multicultural NSW
- 20. New South Wales Crime Commission
- 21. New South Wales Electoral Commission
- 22. NSW Food Authority
- 23. New South Wales Ombudsman
- 24. NSW Rural Assistance Authority
- 25. New South Wales Rural Fire Service
- 26. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions NSW
- 27. Office of Environment and Heritage

- 28. Office of the Local Government
- 29. Parliamentary Counsel's Office
- 30. Police Integrity Commission
- 31. Public Service Commission
- 32. State Emergency Service
- 33. Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
- 34. Sydney Olympic Park Authority
- 35. The Audit Office of New South Wales
- 36. The Treasury
- 37. Transport for NSW (Note 4)
- 38. WorkCover NSW

## Note:

1. For the entities listed for New South Wales, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of health and welfare services, education services or motor vehicles.

2. For the entities listed for New South Wales, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not apply to procurements undertaken by a covered entity on behalf of a non-covered entity.

3. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover procurement related to the functions of the Privacy Commission by the Information and Privacy Commission.

4. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover procurement by Transport for NSW, related to the functions of the Transport Construction Authority, and the Country Rail Infrastructure Authority or its successor agencies.

## **Northern Territory**

- 1. Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
- 2. Auditor General's Office
- 3. Central Australian Hospital Network
- 4. Department of Arts and Museums
- 5. Department of Business

- 6. Department of Children and Families
- 7. Department of Community Services
- 8. Department of Correctional Services
- 9. Department of Health
- 10. Department of Housing
- 11. Department of Land Resource Management
- 12. Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment
- 13. Department of Local Government and Regions
- 14. Department of Mines and Energy
- 15. Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
- 16. Department of Sport and Recreation and Racing
- 17. Department of the Attorney-General and Justice
- 18. Department of the Chief Minister
- 19. Department of the Legislative Assembly
- 20. Department of Treasury and Finance
- 21. Health and Community Services Complaints Commission
- 22. Land Development Corporation
- 23. Museum and Art Galleries Board
- 24. Northern Territory Electoral Commission
- 25. Northern Territory Emergency Service
- 26. Northern Territory Employment and Training Authority
- 27. Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service
- 28. Northern Territory Licensing Commission
- 29. Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
- 30. Ombudsman's Office
- 31. Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory
- 32. Police Force of the Northern Territory
- 33. Racing Commission
- 34. Remuneration Tribunal
- 35. Strehlow Research Centre Board
- 36. Top End Hospital Network
- 37. Tourism NT
- 38. Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory
- 39. Work Health Authority

**Note:** For the entities listed for the Northern Territory, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) does not cover set-asides on behalf of the Charles Darwin University pursuant

to Partnership Agreements between the Northern Territory Government and Charles Darwin University.

## Queensland

Entities declared to be departments pursuant to section 14 of the *Public Service Act* 2008 (*Qld*):

- 1. Motor Accident Insurance Commission
- 2. Nominal Defendant
- 3. Public Service Commission
- 4. Public Trust Office

#### Note:

1. For the entities listed for Queensland, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not apply to procurement:

- (a) by covered entities on behalf of non-covered entities;
- (b) undertaken by departments, or parts of departments, which deliver health, education, training or arts services; or
- (c) of health services, education services, training services, arts services, welfare services, government advertising and motor vehicles.

2. For entities listed for Queensland, Article 15.16.3(f) (Post Award Information) shall not apply for a period of three years from the date of entry into force of Chapter 15 (Government Procurement), so as to allow time for the entities listed for Queensland to make necessary modifications to electronic means to enable the publication of such information.

#### South Australia

- 1. Attorney-General's Department
- 2. Auditor-General's Department
- 3. Country Fire Service
- 4. Courts Administration Authority
- 5. Defence SA

- 6. Department for Communities and Social Inclusion
- 7. Department for Correctional Services
- 8. Department for Education and Child Development
- 9. Department for Health and Ageing
- 10. Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources
- 11. Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
- 12. Department of Primary Industries and Regions
- 13. Department of State Development
- 14. Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- 15. Department of Treasury and Finance
- 16. Electoral Commission of South Australia
- 17. Environment Protection Authority
- 18. Independent Gambling Authority
- 19. Parliament of South Australia
- 20. SA Tourism Commission
- 21. SAFECOM
- 22. South Australia Police
- 23. South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service
- 24. State Emergency Service
- 25. State Procurement Board
- 26. TAFE SA

**Note:** For the entities listed for South Australia, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of health and welfare services, education services, advertising services or motor vehicles.

## Tasmania

- 1. Department of Education
- 2. Department of Health and Human Services
- 3. Department of Justice
- 4. Department of Police and Emergency Management
- 5. Department of Premier and Cabinet
- 6. Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment
- 7. Department of State Growth
- 8. Department of Treasury and Finance

- 9. House of Assembly
- 10. Legislative Council
- 11. Legislature-General
- 12. Office of the Governor
- 13. Tasmanian Audit Office
- 14. Tasmanian Health Service
- 15. Office of the Ombudsman
- 16. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- 17. Tourism Tasmania

**Note:** For the entities listed for Tasmania, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of health and welfare services, education services, or advertising services.

## Victoria

- 1. Commission for Children and Young People
- 2. Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
- 3. Department of Education and Training
- 4. Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- 5. Department of Health and Human Services
- 6. Department of Justice and Regulation
- 7. Department of Premier and Cabinet
- 8. Department of Treasury and Finance
- 9. Essential Services Commission
- 10. Game Management Authority
- 11. Independent Broad-Based Anti-corruption Commission
- 12. Office of Public Prosecutions
- 13. Office of the Chief Commissioner of Police (Victoria Police)
- 14. Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability
- 15. Office of the Fire Services Levy Monitor
- 16. Office of the Freedom of Information Commissioner
- 17. Office of the Legal Services Commissioner
- 18. Office of the Ombudsman
- 19. Office of the Privacy Commissioner
- 20. Office of the Road Safety Camera Commissioner

- 21. Office of the Victorian Inspectorate
- 22. Taxi Services Commission
- 23. Victorian Auditor-General's Office
- 24. Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation
- 25. Victorian Electoral Commission
- 26. Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
- 27. Victorian Public Sector Commission
- 28. Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation

## Note:

1. For the entities listed for Victoria, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of motor vehicles.

2. For the entities listed for Victoria, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not apply to procurement by covered entities on behalf of non-covered entities.

## Western Australia

- 1. Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority
- 2. Corruption and Crime Commission (Western Australia)
- 3. Country High Schools Hostels Authority
- 4. Department of Aboriginal Affairs
- 5. Department of Agriculture and Food
- 6. Department of Child Protection and Family Support
- 7. Department of Commerce
- 8. Department of Corrective Services
- 9. Department of Culture and the Arts
- 10. Department of Education
- 11. Department of Education Services
- 12. Department of Environment Regulation
- 13. Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- 14. Department of Finance
- 15. Department of Fisheries
- 16. Department of Health
- 17. Department of Lands

- 18. Department of Local Government and Communities
- 19. Department of Mines and Petroleum
- 20. Department of Parks and Wildlife
- 21. Department of Planning
- 22. Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor
- 23. Department of Regional Development
- 24. Department of Sport and Recreation
- 25. Department of State Development
- 26. Department of Training and Workforce Development
- 27. Department of Treasury
- 28. Department of Water
- 29. Department of the Attorney General
- 30. Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- 31. Department of the Registrar Western Australia Industrial Relations Commission
- 32. Disability Services Commission
- 33. Equal Opportunity Commission
- 34. Gascoyne Development Commission
- 35. Goldfields Esperance Development Commission
- 36. Governor's Establishment
- 37. Great Southern Development Commission
- 38. Heritage Council of Western Australia
- 39. Housing Authority
- 40. Kimberley Development Commission
- 41. Law Reform Commission of Western Australia
- 42. Legislative Assembly
- 43. Legislative Council
- 44. Main Roads Western Australia
- 45. Mid West Development Commission
- 46. Minerals and Energy Research Institute of Western Australia
- 47. National Trust of Australia (WA)
- 48. Office of the Auditor General
- 49. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- 50. Office of the Information Commissioner
- 51. Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services
- 52. Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations
- 53. Parliamentary Services Department

- 54. Peel Development Commission
- 55. Pilbara Development Commission
- 56. Public Sector Commission
- 57. Public Transport Authority
- 58. Rottnest Island Authority
- 59. Rural Business Development Corporation
- 60. Salaries and Allowances Tribunal
- 61. School Curriculum and Standards Authority
- 62. Small Business Development Corporation
- 63. South West Development Commission
- 64. State Library of Western Australia
- 65. Swan River Trust
- 66. Western Australia Police
- 67. Western Australian Electoral Commission
- 68. Western Australian Land Information Authority (Landgate)
- 69. Western Australian Planning Commission
- 70. Western Australian Sports Centre Trust (trading as VenuesWest)
- 71. Western Australian Tourism Commission
- 72. Wheatbelt Development Commission
- 73. Zoological Parks Authority

**Note:** For greater certainty, consistent with Article 15.9.9 (Qualification of Suppliers), in relation to procurements from the Department of Finance, Building Management and Works' Prequalification Scheme; and Main Road's 'National Prequalification System for Civil (Road and Bridge) Construction Contracts' Scheme, requests for participation in a procurement from suppliers not already prequalified at the time of tender release will not be considered due to the time and complexity involved in assessing requests. This does not preclude suppliers from applying at any time to become prequalified. Prequalification ensures the financial security of building and construction contractors and does not discriminate between local suppliers and the suppliers of other Parties.

#### Notes to Section B

For entities listed in this Section:

1. Australia offers coverage of sub-central entities listed in this Section only to Canada, Chile, Japan, Mexico and Peru. Australia is prepared to extend coverage of this Section to other Parties upon negotiation of mutually acceptable concessions.

2. A service listed in Section E (Services) is covered with respect to Canada and Mexico only to the extent that Party has covered that service in their Schedule.

3. In relation to multi-use lists:

- (a) a notice inviting suppliers to apply for inclusion on a multi-use list may be used as a notice of intended procurement, provided a statement is included that only suppliers on the multi-use list will receive further notices of procurement covered by the multi-use list; and
- (b) where all or a limited number of qualified suppliers have been selected, the time period for tendering may be fixed by mutual agreement between the procuring entity and the selected suppliers. In the absence of agreement, the period shall not be less than 10 days.

4. For Mexico, Australia may set aside from the obligations of Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) each fiscal year following the date of entry into force of this Agreement the respective percentage specified in paragraph 5 the total value of procurement contracts for goods and services, and any combination thereof, and construction services procured by the States and Territories in the year that are above thresholds set out in this Section.

5. The percentages referred to in paragraph 4 are as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
50%	45%	45%	40%	40%
Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10 and
				thereafter
35%	35%	30%	30%	0%

# **SECTION C: Other Entities**

## Thresholds:

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall apply to other covered entities listed in this Section where the value of the procurement is estimated, in accordance with Article 15.2.8 (Scope), to equal or exceed:

- (a) for procurement of goods and services, 400,000 SDR
- (b) for procurement of construction services, 5,000,000 SDR

2. The monetary thresholds set out in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) shall be adjusted in accordance with Section H of this Schedule.

## List of Entities:

- 1. Australian Communications and Media Authority
- 2. Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
- 3. Australian Financial Security Authority
- 4. Australian Fisheries Management Authority
- 5. Australian Human Rights Commission
- 6. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- 7. Australian Institute of Marine Science
- 8. Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- 9. Australian National Maritime Museum
- 10. Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
- 11. Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
- 12. Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
- 13. Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- 14. Australian War Memorial (Note 3)
- 15. Comcare
- 16. Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
- 17. Export Finance and Insurance Corporation
- 18. Grains Research and Development Corporation
- 19. Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

- 20. National Gallery of Australia
- 21. National Museum of Australia
- 22. Reserve Bank of Australia
- 23. Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
- 24. The Director of National Parks
- 25. Tourism Australia

## Notes to Section C

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall cover only those entities listed in this Section.

2. For the entities listed in this Section, Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of motor vehicles.

3. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover procurement of telecommunications services by the Australian War Memorial.

#### **SECTION D: Goods**

- 1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall apply to all goods procured by the entities listed in Sections A, B and C, unless otherwise specified in Chapter 15 (Government Procurement), including this Schedule.
- 2. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of blood and blood-related products, including plasma derived products.

#### **SECTION E: Services**

Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall apply to all services procured by the entities listed in Sections A, B and C, unless otherwise specified in Chapter 15 (Government Procurement), including this Schedule.

Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not cover the procurement of:

- (a) plasma fractionation services;
- (b) government advertising services;
- (c) health and welfare services; and
- (d) research and development services.

#### **SECTION F: Construction Services**

Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall apply to all construction services procured by the entities listed in Sections A, B and C, unless otherwise specified in Chapter 15 (Government Procurement), including in this Schedule.

## **SECTION G: General Notes**

Unless otherwise specified herein, the following General Notes in Australia's Schedule shall apply without exception to Chapter 15 (Government Procurement), including to all Sections of this Schedule.

1. Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not apply to:

- (a) any form of preference to benefit small and medium enterprises;
- (b) measures to protect national treasures of artistic, historic, or archaeological value;
- (c) measures for the health and welfare of indigenous people; and
- (d) measures for the economic and social advancement of indigenous people.
- 2. For greater certainty:
  - (a) Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not apply to procurement funded by grants and sponsorship payments received from persons not listed in this Annex;
  - (b) Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) shall not apply to procurement by a procuring entity from another government entity; and
  - (c) a procuring entity may use limited tendering procedures for unsolicited innovative proposals under Article 15.10.2(g) (Limited Tendering).

# **SECTION H: Threshold Adjustment Formula**

1. The thresholds shall be adjusted in every even-numbered year with each adjustment taking effect on January 1, beginning on January 1 of the first even numbered year after the date of entry into force of this Agreement for Australia.

2. Every two years, Australia shall calculate and publish the value of the thresholds under Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) expressed in Australian dollars. These calculations shall be based on the conversion rates published by the International Monetary Fund in its monthly *International Financial Statistics*.

3. The conversion rates shall be the average of the daily values of the Australian dollar in terms of the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) over the two-year period preceding October 1 or November 1 of the year before the adjusted thresholds are to take effect, and rounded to the nearest thousand Australian dollars.

4. Australia shall notify the other Parties of the current thresholds in its currency immediately after this Agreement enters into force, and the adjusted thresholds in its currency thereafter in a timely manner.

5. Australia shall consult if a major change in its national currency relative to the SDR or to the national currency of another Party were to create a significant problem with regard to the application of Chapter 15 (Government Procurement).

## **SECTION I: Procurement Information**

All information on government procurement is published on the following websites:

Legislation and Regulations: <u>http://www.comlaw.gov.au/</u>

Australian Government Tender System: https://www.tenders.gov.au/

# **SECTION J: Transitional Measures**

None.