Swedish legislation is based on the principle of openness, i.e. that the award of public contracts is to be made in open competition, the procedure is to be transparent and that it should be possible to obtain redress if the procurement process has not followed the regulatory system. Public procurement laws regulate how different types of procurement should be carried out, advertising, examination of bids, possibilities to obtain a decision in a procurement case tried by a court and the right to compensation if the contracting authority or entity has violated the provisions of the law. The new laws will a fortiori meet these principles.

National administrative rules on conflict of interest apply in the field of public procurement.

The Swedish Competition Authority monitors the application of public procurement rules. From 1 September 2015, a new authority will be responsible for providing support on public procurement to contracting authorities and entities and economic operators.