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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

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**Measures taken to secure integrity in public procurement processes
(art. 9.1)**

Sweden has implemented the EU instruments Directive 2004/18/EC and Directive 2004/17/EC on public procurement and procurement in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors, and is now in the process of implementing the new procurement directives (2014/24/EU and 2014/25/EU as well as the new directive on the award of concession contracts, 2014/23/EU). Both the new and the old directives contain mandatory regulations concerning integrity in public procurement processes. The regulations include rules on principles of transparency, open tendering procedures and equal treatment, selection, award and tendering criteria, as well as rules on advertising. Furthermore, the directives on remedies in public procurement (89/665/EEC and 92/13/EEC amended by Directive 2007/66/EC) with regard to improving the effectiveness of review procedures concerning the award of public contracts have been implemented as a part of Swedish legislation in the field of public procurement. 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.