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*To Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Departments
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Re: Procurement of Goods, Services and Works Between Government Entities

Permanent Secretaries are hereby advised that contracting between government entities is outside of the scope of coverage of the general procurement guidelines contained in the Handbook of Public Sector Procurement Procedures. The guidelines contained in the Handbook, specifically refer to procurements between government agencies and private sector contractors.

It is the responsibility of the procuring entity to ensure that prices quoted by the contracted public sector body are competitive with current market prices for the goods, services and/or works. This information should be appropriately documented and form a part of the procurement records.

Procurements between government entities do not require the National Contracts Commission's (NCC) endorsement. However, for the purpose of record keeping, procuring entities should inform the NCC of any such contractual agreements and submit copies of the relevant documentation.

For such procurements there is no requirement for the entity providing the good or service to provide a Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC) or to be registered with the NCC.

Permanent Secretaries/Heads of Departments are required to ensure that all officers concerned are notified of this directive.

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