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NOTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE GPA

COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION ON NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER ARTICLES XIX AND XXII:5¹ OF THE REVISED GPA²

The following communication, dated 31 March 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELEVANT TO THE GPA AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH LAWS AND REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXII:5 OF THE REVISED GPA

REPORT FOR 2015

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Committee's Decision on notification requirements under Articles XIX and paragraph 5 of Article XXII of the revised Agreement on Government Procurement (hereinafter the GPA), Canada hereby notifies the Committee on Government Procurement of the following changes to its laws and regulations relevant to the GPA and in the administration of such laws and regulations for the year 2015 at the federal and sub-central levels.

1 CANADA (FEDERAL GOVERNMENT)

1.1. No changes to report.

2 PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

2.1 Quebec

2.1.1. *Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies* (chapter C-65.1): Amendment of the *Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies*, among other things, to set out election law offences that make enterprises ineligible for public contracts.

http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/dynamicSearch/telecharge.php?type=2&file=/C_65_1/C65_1_A.html.

2.2 Saskatchewan

2.2.1. The *Best Value in Procurement Act* was passed on 19 November 2015. Through this act, the following acts were revised to allow for best value procurement:

- a. Public Works and Services Act: section 9 revised.

¹ Article XXII:5 of the Revised GPA reads as follows: *Domestic legislation* "Each Party shall inform the Committee of any changes to its laws and regulations relevant to this Agreement and in the administration of such laws and regulations."

² See GPA/113, Annex A of Appendix 2, pp. 436-437.

- b. *Highways and Transportation Act*: section 55 revised.

<http://docs.legassembly.sk.ca/legdocs/Bills/27L4S/Bill27-188.pdf>.
