



**ACCESSION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE AGREEMENT ON
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT IN ITS OWN RIGHT**

Decision of the Committee on Government Procurement of 7 October 2020

Addendum

The Committee on Government Procurement,

Having regard to the Committee's Decisions (GPA/CD/2) taken on 27 February 2019 with respect to accession to the Agreement on Government Procurement by the United Kingdom in its own right and the Committee's Decision (GPA/CD/2/Add.1) taken on 26 June 2019 regarding the extension of the period for submission of the United Kingdom's instrument of accession to the Agreement on Government Procurement and the United Kingdom's consequential changes to its Appendix I arising from the entry into force of the Agreement on Government Procurement for Australia;

Having regard to the Withdrawal Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom, which provides for a transition period as referred to in paragraph 1 of the Decision taken on 27 February 2019 (GPA/CD/2). The transition period entered into force on 1 February 2020 and is set to expire on 31 December 2020;

Noting that the period for submission of the United Kingdom's instrument of accession to the Agreement on Government Procurement set out in paragraph 1 of the Decision taken on 26 June 2019 (GPA/CD/2/Add.1) expired on 27 February 2020, the continued desire of the United Kingdom to accede to the Agreement on Government Procurement in its own right after the expiry of the transition period, and the time needed by the United Kingdom to complete its internal process in order to deposit its instrument of accession in a timely manner; and

Considering the additional documentation submitted by the United Kingdom, including its updated replies to the Checklist of Issues (GPA/ACC/GBR/2/Rev.1, dated 27 March 2020), pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Committee's Decision of 27 February 2019, and further consultations between the United Kingdom and the Parties;

Decides as follows:

1. The period for submission of the United Kingdom's instrument of accession pursuant to subparagraph 3.b. of the Decision taken on 27 February 2019 (GPA/CD/2) and paragraph 1 of the Decision taken on 26 June 2019 (GPA/CD/2/Add.1) is hereby reopened, in order to allow the United Kingdom to submit its instrument of accession in a timely manner and become a Party to the Agreement on Government Procurement in its own right after the expiry of the transition period referred to in paragraph 1 of the Decision taken on 27 February 2019 (GPA/CD/2).
2. Accordingly, the United Kingdom is invited to submit its instrument of accession on the terms attached to the Decision taken on 27 February 2019 (GPA/CD/2), as amended by the Decision taken on 26 June 2019 (GPA/CD/2/Add.1), provided the United Kingdom does so:
 - a. no earlier than thirty days before the date of expiry of the transition period; and

b. within six months of the date of this Decision, unless the period for submission of the instrument is extended by the Committee.

3. In all other respects, the terms of the Decisions taken on 27 February 2019 (GPA/CD/2), in particular its paragraph 4, and 26 June 2019 (GPA/CD/2/Add.1) remain applicable. As provided for in paragraph 1 of the Decision taken on 27 February 2019 (GPA/CD/2), it is acknowledged that the United Kingdom is covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement until the date of expiry of the transition period, and that during such a transition period, European Union law applies to and in the United Kingdom and the United Kingdom is treated as a member State of the European Union.
