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Committee on Government Procurement

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**NOTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE
AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT 2012**

NOTIFICATION FROM AUSTRALIA

The following notification, dated 26 October 2023, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Notifying Party	AUSTRALIA
Legal Basis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article XXII:5 of the GPA 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Committee's Decision on notification requirements under Articles XIX and XXII:5 of the GPA 2012 (GPA/113 , Annex A of Appendix 2, para 1)
Title of the notified legal text	Commonwealth Procurement Rules (13 June 2023)
Link to legal text	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/GPA/AUS/23_13271_00_e.pdf https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2023L00766
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification (i.e. new domestic legislation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change, amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification referred to	GPA/LEGIS/AUS/1 - Commonwealth Procurement Rules (14 December 2020)
Brief description of the notified legal text The Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs) are the basic rule set for all procurements by the Australian Government and govern the way in which relevant entities undertake their procurements. Achieving value for money is the core rule of the CPRs as it is critical in ensuring that public resources are used in the most efficient, effective, ethical, and economic manner. The CPRs have been updated twice since Australia's last update, with the latest version dated 13 June 2023. The CPRs require officials to consider a range of relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits when undertaking a procurement. Recent updates to the CPRs have included ensuring coverage committed under relevant trade agreements is appropriately maintained, as well as updates to facilitate more diversity and competition in the Australian Government's supplier base and ensuring that broader economic and social issues are normalised through the procurement process, as appropriate (such as environmental sustainability, encouraging risk to be more accurately reflected in contracts, and strengthening requirements to make payments to suppliers within the maximum payment terms).	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English

Date of adoption	13 June 2023
Entry into force	13 June 2023
Other information	The CPRs are also available on the Department of Finance website: https://www.finance.gov.au/government/procurement/commonwealth-procurement-rules
Agency or authority responsible	Australian Government Department of Finance
