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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ENGLAND AND WALES  
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**The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006**

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THE UTILITIES CONTRACTS REGULATIONS 2006

PART 1

GENERAL

1. Citation, commencement and extent
2. Interpretation
3. Utilities
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5. Application
6. General exclusions
7. Exclusion of contracts awarded to affiliated undertakings or joint ventures
8. Exemption in respect of certain utilities operating in the energy sector
9. Exemption of contracts where activity is directly exposed to competition
10. Reserved Contracts
11. Thresholds

PART 2

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

12. Technical specifications in contract documents
13. Variants

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

### PART 3

#### PROCEDURES LEADING TO THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT

14. The open, restricted and negotiated procedures
15. Periodic indicative notices
16. Call for competition
17. Award without a call for competition
18. Framework agreements
19. Dynamic purchasing systems
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21. Central purchasing bodies
22. Time limits

### PART 4

#### QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION OF ECONOMIC OPERATORS

23. General
24. Mutual recognition concerning administrative, technical or financial conditions
25. Qualification system
26. Criteria for rejection of economic operators
27. Criteria for selection of economic operators
28. Consortia
29. Corporations

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#### THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT

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31. Rejection of third country tenders - supply contracts
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33. Information about contract award procedures

### PART 6

#### SPECIALISED CONTRACTS

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### PART 7

#### MATTERS RELATING TO A CONTRACT

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36. Conditions for performance of contracts

### PART 8

#### MISCELLANEOUS

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38. Statistical and other reports
39. Provision of reports
40. Publication of notices

- 41. Confidentiality of information
- 42. Means of communication
- 43. Sub-contracting
- 44. Attestation

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PART 10

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SCHEDULE 4 — EXTENSION TO NON-MEMBER STATES

Explanatory Note