

CPR updates to Division 2 - commencing 1 March 2017

Section of the CPRs	New paragraph	New text added
Specifications and Standards	10.10	Where an Australian standard is applicable for <i>goods</i> or services being procured, tender responses must demonstrate the capability to meet the Australian standard, and <i>contracts must</i> contain evidence of the applicable standards (see paragraph 10.37).
Conditions for participation	10.18	<p><i>Officials must</i> make reasonable enquiries that the <i>procurement</i> is carried out considering relevant regulations and/or regulatory frameworks, including but not limited to <i>tenderers'</i> practices regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. labour regulations, including ethical employment practices; b. occupational, health and safety; and c. environmental impacts.
NEW SECTION TITLED Value for Money and broader benefits to the Australian economy	10.30 10.31	<p>In addition to the considerations at paragraph 4.4, for <i>procurements</i> above \$4 million, Commonwealth <i>officials</i> are required to consider the economic benefit of the <i>procurement</i> to the Australian economy.</p> <p>The policy operates within the context of relevant national and international agreements and <i>procurement</i> policies to which Australia is a signatory, including free trade agreements and the Australia and New Zealand Government Procurement Agreement.</p>
NEW SECTION TITLED Contract Management/Standard Verification	10.37	<p>Where applying a standard (Australian, or in its absence, international) for goods or services, <i>relevant entities must</i> make reasonable enquiries to determine compliance with that standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. this includes gathering evidence of relevant certifications; and b. periodic auditing of compliance by an independent assessor.