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Dear Colleague

PUBLIC SECTOR SUPPLY CONTRACTS: INDICATIVE NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (OJEC)

Summary

1. This letter is to remind Health Boards and NHS Trusts of the need to publish **before 1 April 1993** in the Official Journal of the European Communities an indicative notice of their requirements in the financial year 1993-94.

Background

2. The requirement to publish such a notice is set out in Article 9(1) of Directive 77/62/EEC as amended by Directives 80/767/EEC and 88/295/EEC and also in Regulation 9 of the Public Supply Contracts Regulations 1991.

Action

- 3. Health Boards and Trusts are asked to publish an indicative notice for each product area where the total estimated value is not less than ECU 750,000 (£530,366). In calculating the total estimated value individual contracts due to be let in each product area in 1993-94 which have estimated values of £88,802 or more (contracts having a lesser estimated value need not be included) should be totalled. If the end result is £530,366 or more a notice must appear; if less no notice is necessary.
- 4. Although "product areas" are not authoritatively defined by the Directives, Health Boards and Trusts may wish to consider grouping goods which would or could be purchased from a single source.
- 5. Any notices sent should be drawn up in accordance with Annex V, Section D of the Supplies Directive and Part A of Schedule 3 of the Public Supply Contracts Regulations 1991.

 $6.\,\,$ This letter should be copied to Unit General Managers and Supplies Managers for information.

Yours sincerely

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