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Dear Colleague

REVISION OF THRESHOLDS FOR THE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION (WTO) AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (EC DIRECTIVE 80/767), EC SUPPLIES DIRECTIVE (93/36), EC WORKS DIRECTIVE (93/37) AND EC SERVICES DIRECTIVE (92/50)

**Summary**

1. This letter is to inform Health Boards, NHS Trusts and other bodies of the revised thresholds for the advertising of contracts as required by the EC Supplies, Works and Services Directives and the WTO (previously referred to as GATT) Agreement on Government Procurement. The revised thresholds supersede those listed in NHS: MEL(1994)1.

**Action**

2. Attached at Annex A is a table of the revised thresholds, which took effect from 1 January 1996. Health bodies, including NHS Trusts, must abide by the requirements of the EC Directives and the WTO agreement. Chief Executives and General Managers will wish to inform their staff accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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## REVISION OF EC AND WTO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT THRESHOLDS

The national currency equivalents of the Supplies, Services and Works Directives and the WTO (previously referred to as GATT) Agreement on Government Procurement have been revised with effect from 1 January 1996. The revised rates are as follows:

**Supplies Contracts**

	<u>To 31.12.95</u>	<u>From 1.1.96</u>
Contracts	£ 96,403	£108,667
Indicative Notices	£561,480	£592,568

**Works Contracts**

	<u>To 31.12.95</u>	<u>From 1.1.96</u>
All Contracting Authorities	£3,743,203	£3,950,456
Small Lots Provision	£748,641	£790,091

**Services Contracts**

	<u>To 31.12.95</u>	<u>From 1.1.96</u>
All Contracting Authorities	£149,728	£158,018
Small Lots Provision	£ 59,891	£63,207
Indicative Notices	£561,480	£592,568

(Note: Health Boards, NHS Trusts, CSA Divisions and other NHS bodies are all WTO entities)

