

CANADIAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) became effective July 1, 2017 and applies to Federal and Government procurement Canada-wide. The CFTA establishes a transparent and efficient framework to ensure fair and open access to government procurement for all Canadian suppliers. The CFTA applies to:

- Tenders with covered procurement thresholds pursuant to Article 504.3 of the CFTA (<https://www.cfta-alec.ca/procurement/covered-procurement-thresholds/>) as applicable.
- The thresholds will be adjusted for inflation and take effect on January 1 every two years after January 1, 2018.
- Schedule A, B, C and D entities must also adhere to the procurement provisions within international trade agreements when applicable.

The Tender Notices process is outlined in Article 506.

CFTA Exceptions (Annex 519.1):

Exceptions for Prince Edward Island include:

1. architects and engineers below CETA threshold;
2. construction materials that are used for highway construction and maintenance;
3. goods purchased for representational or promotional purposes;
4. local food;
5. any procurement that targets poverty reduction for disadvantaged natural persons (if value is below \$200,000); and
6. certain opportunities and investments for regional economic development may be excluded.

The full text of the CFTA can be found at:

<https://www.cfta-alec.ca/canadian-free-trade%20-agreement/>