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**2025 No. 338 (W. 67) (C. 11)**

**SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP,  
WALES**

The Social Partnership and Public  
Procurement (Wales) Act 2023  
(Commencement No. 3) Order 2025

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This is the third commencement order made by the Welsh Ministers under the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 (asc 1) (“the Act”).

This Order brings into force the provisions listed in articles 2 and 3 on 21 March 2025 and the provisions listed in article 4 on 30 June 2025.

The provisions listed in articles 2 and 4 are brought into force in full and those listed in article 3 are brought into force to the extent specified.

**NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT  
ORDERS**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force by commencement orders before the date of this Order.

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| <i>Provision</i> | <i>Date of Commencement</i> | <i>S.I. Number</i>                |
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| Section 1        | 29 July 2023                | S.I. 2023/794<br>(W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 2        | 29 July 2023                | S.I. 2023/794<br>(W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 3        | 29 July 2023                | S.I. 2023/794<br>(W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 4        | 29 July 2023                | S.I. 2023/794<br>(W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 5        | 29 July 2023                | S.I. 2023/794<br>(W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 6        | 29 July 2023                | S.I. 2023/794                     |

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|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 7  | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 8  | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 11 | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 12 | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 13 | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 14 | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 15 | 1 April 2024 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 16 | 1 April 2024 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 17 | 1 April 2024 | S.I. 2024/343    |
|            |              | (W. 64) (C. 16)  |
| Section 18 | 1 April 2024 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 19 | 1 April 2024 | S.I. 2024/343    |
|            |              | (W. 64) (C. 16)  |
| Section 20 | 1 April 2024 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 46 | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 47 | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
|            |              | (W. 126) (C. 43) |
| Section 49 | 29 July 2023 | S.I. 2023/794    |
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*Made*

*12 March 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 48 of the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023<sup>(1)</sup>, make the following Order:

**Title and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) The title of this Order is the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2025.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023.

**Provisions coming into force on 21 March 2025**

**2.** The following provisions of the Act come into force on 21 March 2025—

- (a) section 9(5) (public procurement subgroup);
- (b) section 21 (public contracts);
- (c) section 22(1), (3) and (4) (contracting authorities);
- (d) section 23 (public procurement);
- (e) section 24(8) (socially responsible procurement duty);
- (f) section 25(2) and (3) (socially responsible procurement duty: major construction contracts);

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<sup>(1)</sup> 2023 asc 1.

- (g) section 26(2) (socially responsible procurement duty: outsourcing services contracts);
- (h) section 27 (social public works clauses in major construction contracts);
- (i) section 32 (public services outsourcing and workforce code);
- (j) section 33 (social public workforce clauses in outsourcing services contracts);
- (k) section 43 (guidance);
- (l) section 44 (regulations);
- (m) section 45 (interpretation of Part 3);
- (n) Schedule 1 (contracting authorities).

**Provisions coming into force on 21 March 2025 to the extent specified**

3. The following provisions of the Act come into force on 21 March 2025 to the extent specified in relation to each such provision—

- (a) section 39 (regulations relating to annual socially responsible procurement reports), for the purposes of making regulations under that section;
- (b) section 40 (regulations relating to contracts register), for the purposes of making regulations under that section.

**Provisions coming into force on 30 June 2025**

4. The following provisions of the Act come into force on 30 June 2025—

- (a) section 9(1) to (4) (public procurement subgroup);
- (b) section 10 (provision of information and advice to the SPC by public procurement subgroup).

*Jack Sargeant*

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under the authority of the Cabinet Secretary for  
Finance and Welsh Language, one of the Welsh  
Ministers

12 March 2025