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**2025 No. 1353 (W. 220) (C. 76)**

**SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP,  
WALES**

**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT,  
WALES**

The Social Partnership and Public  
Procurement (Wales) Act 2023  
(Commencement No. 4) Order 2025

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This is the fourth 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 remaining provisions of the Act for all purposes.

The provisions listed in article 2 are brought into force on 25 March 2026 and the provisions listed in article 3 are brought into force on 1 April 2026.

**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.

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

Section 5	29 July 2023	S.I. 2023/794 (W. 126) (C. 43)
Section 6	29 July 2023	S.I. 2023/794 (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 9(1) to (4)	30 June 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 9(5)	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 10	30 June 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
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 21	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 22(1), (3) and (4)	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 23	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 24(8)	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 25(2) and (3)	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 26(2)	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 27	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 32	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 33	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 39 (partially)	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 40	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338

(partially)		(W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 43	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 44	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
Section 45	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)
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 (W. 126) (C. 43)
Schedule 1	21 March 2025	S.I. 2025/338 (W. 67) (C. 11)

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(Commencement No. 4) Order 2025

*Made*

*16 December 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(1), 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. 4) Order 2025.

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

**Provisions coming into force on 25 March 2026**

2. The following provisions of the Act come into force on 25 March 2026—

- (a) section 22(2) (contracting authorities);
- (b) section 24(1) to (7) (socially responsible procurement duty);
- (c) section 25(1) (socially responsible procurement duty: major construction contracts);

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- (d) section 26(1) (socially responsible procurement duty: outsourcing services contracts);
- (e) section 28 (social public works clauses in subcontracts);
- (f) section 29 (social public works clauses: notifying the Welsh Ministers);
- (g) section 30 (social public works clauses: Welsh Ministers' response);
- (h) section 31 (social public works clauses: Welsh Ministers' contracts);
- (i) section 34 (social public workforce clauses in subcontracts);
- (j) section 35 (social public workforce clauses: notifying the Welsh Ministers);
- (k) section 36 (social public workforce clauses: Welsh Ministers' response);
- (l) section 37 (social public workforce clauses: Welsh Ministers' contracts);
- (m) section 38 (procurement strategy);
- (n) section 40 (contracts register), for all remaining purposes;
- (o) section 41 (procurement investigations);
- (p) Schedule 2 (socially responsible procurement objectives).

**Provisions coming into force on 1 April 2026**

**3.** The following provisions of the Act come into force on 1 April 2026—

- (a) section 39 (annual socially responsible procurement reports), for all remaining purposes;
- (b) section 42 (Welsh Ministers' annual report on public procurement).

*Jack Sargeant*

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

16 December 2025