

PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE

Directive No 32 (Issued pursuant to section 7(b) of the Public Procurement Act)

Margin of Preference for SMEs for Shoes, Uniforms, School Books, Printing Materials and Furniture

1. In order to support local Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the manufacturing sector, the Margin of Preference has been increased to 20 % for both National and International Bidding for the procurement of shoes, uniforms, school books, printing materials and furniture.
2. The conditions for bidders to be eligible for the margin of preference and the methodology for its application during bid evaluation are as per the provisions of Circular 13 of 2012 issued by this Office.
3. Appropriate amendments have accordingly been brought in the relevant Standard Bidding Documents.
4. Margin of preference for other types of goods has remained unchanged.

**Procurement Policy Office
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