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I, LEO VARADKAR, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving effect to Directive 2009/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009<sup>1</sup>, hereby make the following regulations:

#### Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Clean and Energy-Efficient Road Transport Vehicles) Regulations 2011.

# **Definitions**

2. In these Regulations—

"contracting authority" means the State, a local authority (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2001 (No. 37 of 2001)) or a public authority, or an association comprising one or more local authorities or public authorities, or local authorities and public authorities;

"contracting entity" has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 3 of the European Communities (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertakings) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 50 of 2007;

"Directive" means Directive 2009/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009<sup>1</sup> on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles;

"operator" means a public transport operator within the meaning of section 2 of the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 (No. 15 of 2008);

"public authority" means a body established by or under statute;

"road transport vehicle" means a vehicle covered by the categories listed in Table 3 of the Annex to the Directive.

### **Application**

- 3. (1) These Regulations apply to a contract for the purchase of a road transport vehicle—
  - (a) by contracting authorities and contracting entities to which the European Communities (Award of Public Authorities' Contracts) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 329 of 2006) or the European Communities

<sup>1</sup>OJ No. L120, 15.5.2009, p. 5

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(Award of Contracts by Utility Undertakings) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 50 of 2007), as the case may be, apply,

and

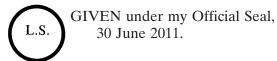
- (b) by operators, where the contract is estimated to have a value equal to or greater than €422,000.
- (2) These Regulations do not apply to a contract for the purchase of a road transport vehicle which is not a relevant vehicle within the meaning of Regulation 3(1) of the European Communities (Road Vehicles: Type-Approval) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 158 of 2009).

Obligations of contracting authorities, contracting entities and operators

- 4. (1) A contracting authority, contracting entity or operator, when entering into a contract for the purchase of a road transport vehicle—
  - (a) shall, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), take into account the operational lifetime energy and environmental impacts of the vehicle, and
  - (b) may take into account other environmental impacts.
- (2) The operational lifetime energy and environmental impacts referred to in paragraph (1)(a) shall include at least the following—
  - (a) energy consumption,
  - (b) carbon dioxide emissions, and
  - (c) emissions of—
    - (i) oxides of nitrogen,
    - (ii) non-methane hydrocarbons, and
    - (iii) particulate matter.
- (3) In order to take into account the operational lifetime energy and environmental impacts referred to in paragraph (1)(a), a contracting authority, contracting entity or operator shall—
  - (a) set out the technical specifications for energy and environmental performance in the documentation for the purchase of the road transport vehicle together with any additional environmental impacts being considered, or
  - (b) include those energy and environmental impacts in the purchasing decision by—
    - (i) using the impacts as award criteria where a procurement procedure is applied, or

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(ii) monetising the impacts for inclusion in that decision in accordance with the methodology referred to in Article 6 of the Directive.



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