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- I, LEO VARADKAR, Minister for Health, 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 EU Decision No. 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013¹ on serious cross-border threats to health, hereby make the following regulations:
- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities Act 1972 (Joint Procurement Agreement on Serious Cross-Border Threats to Health) Regulations 2015.
 - 2. In these Regulations—
- "Decision" means EU Decision No. 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013¹ on serious cross-border threats to health;
- "Joint Procurement Agreement" means the joint procurement agreement referred to in Article 5.3 of the Decision.
 - 3. For the purposes of giving full effect to Article 5 of the Decision—
 - (a) the Minister for Health may sign the Joint Procurement Agreement on behalf of the State, and
 - (b) the Health Service Executive may act as the contracting authority on behalf of the State for all purposes connected with the joint procurement procedure referred to in Article 5 of the Decision.



GIVEN under my Official Seal, 28 May 2015.

LEO VARADKAR, Minister for Health.

¹OJ L 5.11.2013

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

These regulations enable the Minister for Health to sign the Joint Procurement Agreement on behalf of the State, as set out in Article 5 of EU Decision No. 1082/2013/EU on serious cross-border threats to health; and the Health Service Executive to act as the contracting authority for the purposes of the procurement process for joint procurement of medical counter-measures as referred to in Article 27 of the Joint Procurement Agreement.

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