

BiP keeps customers up to date on CPV code changes

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IN SEPTEMBER, both buyers and suppliers will be asked to use a new set of Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) codes as the European Commission updates the current system in line with European Union legislation.

CPV codes are used when publishing contract details in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). In September they will change to become more product-driven and less material-driven.

Those affected can ensure they do not fall foul of these significant changes by using BiP Solutions' Delta suite of e-tendering services, which will automatically take the new codes into account – making the transition as painless as possible for all BiP customers.

The European Commission will introduce new descriptions for 3589 codes as well as moving, deleting and adding codes. Buyers are advised that 11 September will be the last day for accepting notices in the old CPV format, while 15 September marks the last day that OJEU notices will be produced with the outdated codes.

Members already registered for BiP's e-tendering services will automatically receive updates to keep them fully informed of changes to the codes.

The new system will be fully operational by 16 September.

To find out more about the new CPV codes and their implementation, visit <http://www.bipsolutions.com/cgi-bin/cpv.cgi>

For further information on how the changes will affect your tendering process, contact BiP's Delta helpdesk, which is open from 8.30am to 5.30pm weekdays, on 0845 270 7050 or email <mailto:helpdesk@delta-ets.com>