

Will the new rules on tax avoidance and procurement kick in?

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The [announcement on tax avoidance and government procurement](#) made today includes an interesting paragraph that says a company bidding for a contract has to disclose when bidding for a government contract worth more than £2 million:

A failed avoidance scheme which the supplier was involved in and which was, or should have been, notified under the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Scheme (DOTAS) rules.

Now we know that the Big 4 accountants have all filed DOTAS disclosures. Some of those schemes have failed.

Will this block them, and many big forms of lawyers as well, from government contracts?

I think this the acid test for this rule.

But I'm not holding my breath.