

CT 2062/2014

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To all Prospective Bidders:

Tender for the Supply of Tobacco Excise Stamps

Clarification Number 2

Reference is made to the above-mentioned tender.

Enclosed herewith please find a set of clarifications, which are construed to form an integral part of the Tender Document.

Question 1: Please can you send me the prices that were being charged for this tender per sticker for the last years?

Reply 1: The price for the last year's supply of the tender for tobacco stamps (CT 4945/2007) was 21,209.14 Euro per million stamps excluding VAT, equivalent to 25,026.79 Euro per million stamps including VAT.

Question 2: We manufacture the excise stamps for tobacco and alcohol the Spanish Government needs. We are studying conditions for both tenders you have issued and are interested in bidding for them but prior to do it we would need to know the following:

a) Could we have samples of the items you are requesting, i.e. excise stamps for both tobacco and alcohol? It would be very helpful in order to know exactly the works to be performed.

b) When do you expect samples have to be delivered to you? We would need to know it to be prepared as your tender conditions says that they have to be delivered in two working days from your request. (Part 3 point 30.4)

Reply 2:

a) The stamps are being scanned and enclosed with this clarification. This reproduction is intended solely for information and guidance and no one must attempt to copy these stamps. The samples must be as per the published technical specifications as regards manufacture and type (size, material, type of hologram and security features) but the Contracting Authority will not expect the finished product at this stage. Bidders are to submit proposals and drawings for the final design.

b) As per Article 30.4 of the Instructions to Tenderers and Form 3 in Volume 1 Section 4 the samples shall be requested during evaluation stage. These are to be submitted within **five (5) working days** from when requested to do so. The place of delivery of the samples is the Customs Department, Valletta VLT 1900, Malta.

Question 3: We have already registered our company with the Department of Contracts - Ministry of Finance, Malta, and we have received a valid login and password. Kindly advice if there is any other registration required e.g. Fee to be paid to participate in the tender.

Reply 3: There is no participation fee for this tender but there is a redeemable bid bond as indicated on the front cover of the tender document well as in Article 16 of the Instructions to the Tenderers and the Tender Form.

Question 4: This is with reference to the General condition of supply contracts reference given on page no. 40 in both tenders:

"VOLUME 2 SECTION 2 - GENERAL CONDITIONS"

The full set of General Conditions for Supply Contracts (Version 1.04 dated 30 December 2013) can be viewed/downloaded from: www.contracts.gov.mt/conditions.

We have gone through the above link, and the latest available document for the "General conditions of Supply Contracts" is version 1.03 dated 26/04/2013, and not the version 1.04 dated 30th December 2013 as stated in the tender document. Kindly share the updated version for the GCC.

Reply 4: The latest General Conditions may be found through www.etenders.gov.mt Resources Section. One should have an e-Account to be able to log in through the ePPS and have access to the latest General Conditions accordingly. In case one is not already in possession of this e-Account, in order to obtain an e-Account one must request this through info.contracts@gov.mt.

Question 5: The technical specifications on page 47 in the tender "Supply of Tobacco Tax Stamps", the dimensions of the hologram on the paper stamp is not given. Kindly share the dimensions of the hologram / high security holographic strip- on the paper tax stamp for Tobacco, so that we can prepare the appropriate samples accordingly.


Reply 5: There is no specification for the exact dimensions of the holographic representation of the Maltese emblem or for the Maltese eight pointed cross. However it is expected that both emblems must fit entirely within the dimensions of the stamp (a length of 47cmm and a height of 20mm) and that they be of sufficient size for details to be visible as clearly as possible.

The samples must be in line with the published technical specifications as regards manufacture and type (size, material, type of hologram and security features) but one does not expect the finished product at this stage. The Contracting Authority will be satisfied with the submission of proposals and drawings for the final design and eventually with the samples (as also being referred to in reply to Question 2 above).

Question 6: Is there a tentative date when you would like us to send the samples for the above tenders for your evaluation?

Reply 6: Kindly refer to reply to Question 2b above.

All other tender documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this Clarification, remain in place.



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