



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Finance
Inland Revenue Department
Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal

Clarification No. 2

This is to inform all concerned that Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, Inland Revenue Department, Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal has made following clarification on the queries raised by the bidders on the bidding document for the Security Printing, Supply and Delivery of Excise Stamps under International Competitive Bidding, IFB No.: IRD/G/ICB/01/2077-78 published in the "Gorkhapatra" national daily on October 14, 2020.

S.N.	Reference of the bidding document	Existing provision	Amendment Requested from Bidder or Query from Bidders	Response from the Purchaser
1	Section III, Qualification Criteria	<p>Clause 2 (iii): Submit details of Purchaser (including certificate of completion from the Purchaser) to whom Security Paper Based Excise Stamps and Bank Notes or Machine Readable Passports or postal stamps or National Identity card or Smart Driving License were delivered. Summary of service rendered and contract person's name, address, telephone number and email address of such Purchaser should be provided.</p> <p>Clause 3. The Bidder must have printed and supplied Security Paper Based Excise Stamps in reel and sheet forms for</p>	Kindly confirm whether purchase order or letter of award can also be submitted as a proof for these clauses?	Please refer clause 2 (iii) and clause 3. Certificate of completion from the Purchaser shall be submitted.

		at least two countries during last Ten years. Submit details of Purchaser (including certificate of completion from the Purchaser) to whom the Excise Stamps were supplied. Summary of service rendered and contract person's name, address, telephone number and email address of such Purchaser should be provided.		
2	Section III, Qualification Criteria	Clause 5. The Bidder should have supplied Security Paper Based Excise Stamps and Bank Notes or Machine Readable Passports or postal stamps or National Identity card or Smart Driving License worth annual average of US\$ 10,000,000.00 (US\$ Ten million) or equivalent for the last three years. (Submit evidence)	We request the department to kindly confirm whether copies of Chartered Accountant's Certificate/Audited balance Sheets can be submitted as an evidence.	Bidder shall submit evidence for supplying Security Paper Based Excise Stamps and Bank Notes or Machine Readable Passports or postal stamps or National Identity card or Smart Driving License worth annual average of US\$ 10,000,000.00 (US\$ Ten million) or equivalent for the last three years.
3	Section III, Qualification Criteria	Clause 6. The Bidder should have completed inhouse manufacturing facilities with high security standards. The Bidder should have all machines for all	We request the department to kindly confirm whether self-	Yes. Bidder can submit evidence including self-declaration letter.

		the processes required to produce the Excise Stamps in a single premise as specified in technical specifications so as to ensure secrecy of Excise Stamps continuity and timely supply. (Submit evidence)	<p>declaration from the bidder can be submitted as evidence.</p> <p>If not, kindly let us know what specifically have to be submitted as evidence.</p>	
4	Section III, Qualification Criteria	Clause 7. The Bidder should submit list of plants & machineries and full address of factory/ printing work place location including the capacity of producing the required Excise stamps, its quantity and capacity per month along with production flow-chart to manufacture the tendered items. (Submit evidence)	We request the department to kindly confirm whether self-declaration from the bidder detailing all the requirement mentioned in the clause, can be submitted as evidence. Yes or No.	Yes. Bidder can submit evidence including self-declaration letter.
5	Section III, Qualification Criteria	<p>Clause 10. Other qualifications.</p> <p>(iii) Availability of or access to cash or overdraft or liquid assets or unconditional line of credit amounting US\$ 4,000,000.00 (Four million US Dollars) or equivalent. The bidder/s is required to submit duly audited Cash Flow Statement or along with the respective Balance Sheet including “Letter of Commitment for Bank’s Undertaking for Line of Credit” in the format stated under Bid Forms.</p>	<p>Our understanding is that the bidder is required to submit either</p> <p>i. duly audited Cash flow statement</p> <p>or</p> <p>ii. respective balance sheet</p> <p>or</p> <p>iii. Letter of Commitment for Bank’s Undertaking for Line of</p>	<p>It is clearly mentioned in clause 10 (iii). Please refer clause 10(iii):</p> <p>Availability of or access to cash or overdraft or liquid assets or unconditional line of credit amounting US\$ 4,000,000.00 (Four million US Dollars) or equivalent. The bidder/s is required to submit duly audited Cash Flow</p>

			<p>Credit in the format stated under Bid Forms</p> <p>Kindly clearly. Yes/No?</p>	<p>Statement or along with the respective Balance Sheet including “Letter of Commitment for Bank’s Undertaking for Line of Credit” in the format stated under Bid Forms.</p>
6	<p>Section IV</p> <p>j. Letter of Commitment for Bank’s undertaking for line of credit</p>	<p>At the request of, and arrangement with, the Bidder, we <i>[name and address of the Bank]</i> do hereby agree and undertake that <i>[name and address of the Bidder]</i> will be provided by us with a revolving line of credit, in case awarded the Contract, for execution of the Contract viz. <i>[insert name of the Contract]</i>, for an amount not less than NRs<i>[in figure]</i> (<i>in words</i>) for the sole purpose of the execution of the above Contract. This Revolving Line of Credit will be maintained by us until Completion of Contract by the Procuring Entity.</p>	<p>We would like to bring to your kind notice that banks will not issue letter of commitment for line of credit for the sole purpose of a project until and unless the bidders win the tender. Hence, we request the department to consider amending this statement.</p>	<p>The format stated in Section IV -j Letter of Commitment for Bank’s undertaking for line of credit remains valid. Please refer section IV -j. Letter of Commitment for Bank’s undertaking for line of credit.</p>

7	Section V. Schedule of Requirements 3. Technical Specification	<p>1. Specifications of Excise stamps for Cigarettes: (70mm Plain, 70mm Filter, 75-85mm Filter, 85mm Above Filter, Imported and Duty Free)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="569 367 1089 558"> <tr> <td data-bbox="569 367 800 558">Special features</td> <td data-bbox="800 367 1089 558">3-mm Visible Fluorescent fibers and Non-visible Fluorescent fibers.</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Specifications of excise stamps for Readymade Liquors (Domestic, Imported and Duty free Liquor, Domestic, Imported and Duty free Beer, Domestic, Imported and Duty free Wine, Domestic Cider)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="569 769 1089 961"> <tr> <td data-bbox="569 769 800 961">Special features</td> <td data-bbox="800 769 1089 961">3-mm Visible Fluorescent fibers and Non-visible Fluorescent fibers.</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. Specifications of Excise stamps for Nonsmoking Tobacco Products (Gutkha and Pan Masala, Lime Tobacco, Sweet Nuts & Others, Redymade Tobacco)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="569 1140 1089 1331"> <tr> <td data-bbox="569 1140 800 1331">Special features</td> <td data-bbox="800 1140 1089 1331">3-mm Visible Fluorescent fibers and Non-visible Fluorescent fibers.</td> </tr> </table>	Special features	3-mm Visible Fluorescent fibers and Non-visible Fluorescent fibers.	Special features	3-mm Visible Fluorescent fibers and Non-visible Fluorescent fibers.	Special features	3-mm Visible Fluorescent fibers and Non-visible Fluorescent fibers.	Kindly clarify the density of the 3 mm visible and non-visible fluorescent fibers per mm ²	Please refer Section V. Schedule of Requirements 3. Technical Specification special features of material.
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		No adhesive	Paper should be without adhesive for cigarette.		
15	Section III Qualification Criteria	Clause 2 (ii) In addition to excise stamps, the bidder must have printed and supplied Bank Notes or Machine Readable Passports or postal stamps or National Identity card or Smart Driving License for at least two countries during last ten years.		Clause 2 (ii) In addition to excise stamps, the bidder must have printed and supplied Bank Notes or Machine Readable Passports or postal stamps or National Identity card or Smart Driving	The provision in Section III Qualification Criteria clause 2 (ii) remains valid. Please refer Section III Qualification Criteria clause 2 (ii).

			License for any one country during last ten years.	
16	Section VII. GCC 9.2	In case of arbitration, the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the arbitration procedures published by the Nepal Council of Arbitration (NEPCA) at Kupondole, Lalitpur, Nepal	We request the department to confirm English as the language of arbitration proceedings. Kindly clarify.	English will be the language of arbitration proceedings.
17	Section I 6. Site Visit	For goods contracts requiring installation/commissioning networking or similar services at site, the Bidder, at the Bidder's own responsibility and risk, is encouraged to visit and examine the Site and obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the Bid and entering into a contract for the supply of goods and related services.	Due to the outbreak of the global pandemic COVID-19, globally every industry has been working with partial manpower in order to assure safety and to adhere to the rules imposed by the respective Government rules. Issues such	The provisions in Invitation of Bids remains valid. Please refer Invitation for Bids.
18	Invitation for Bids Clause 6	Interested Bidders shall submit the electronic Bids through www.bolpatra.gov.np/egp to the above office of Inland Revenue Department, Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal on or before 12:00 hours (NST), November 29, 2020. Bid received after this deadline shall be rejected.	hassles in international travel, supply chain, logistics & export management, downfall in income, manpower and other resource availability issues, etc. some of the major	

			<p>inconveniences faced by industries currently as are</p> <p>The scope of the bid document demands the visit and examination of site and obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the Bid.</p> <p>The prospective international bidders would require some more time to plan and arrange for their travel to Nepal for the same.</p> <p>Due to the shortage of time since the RFP is issued and to ensure maximum participation from reputed security printers internationally, all the prospective bidders would need more time to ensure qualitative conformity to the scope and align proper understandings of</p>	
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			the deliverables Considering all these scenarios, kindly extend the deadline for bid submission for at least 30 days			
19	Section V. Schedule of Requirements	<p>2. Specifications of excise stamps for Readymade Liquors (Domestic, Imported and Duty free Liquor, Domestic, Imported and Duty free Beer, Domestic, Imported and Duty free Wine, Domestic Cider) Testing Condition of Material</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="630 625 1192 695"> <tr> <td>Testing condition</td> <td>+2 °C, 50% UR.</td> </tr> </table>	Testing condition	+2 °C, 50% UR.	We request the department to kindly clarify whether the testing condition is +2 °C or 23 ± 2 °C.	Testing condition in Section V. Schedule of Requirements 2. Specifications of excise stamps for Readymade Liquors (Domestic, Imported and Duty free Liquor, Domestic, Imported and Duty free Beer, Domestic, Imported and Duty free Wine, Domestic Cider) remains valid.
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