

ITB REFERENCE: 2023/ITB/034

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRAME AGREEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF:
JERRYCAN, SEMI-COLLAPSIBLE, 10L, RECYCLED (WATER CONTAINER)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DATE: 18/08/2023

No.	Questions	Answers
1	It is mentioned "Recycled" jerry cans. Do you need food grade material or non-food grade material is acceptable because the whole costing depends on that?	The tender documents and specifications specify that we are requesting food-grade jerrycans, for consumption of water.
2	We would request that the submission deadline of 20 September be extended.	Extension is accepted for 6 weeks. The new deadline for submission is 01 November 2023.
3	We understand that UNHCR would like 5 samples of the semi-collapsible jerrycans delivered to your mentioned location in the tender. However, we have reviewed the specifications and have noted that the size of the inlet diameter/ cap has now been amended to be a minimum of 50mm in size compared to 35mm in the previous specifications. This will now mean that we will need to manufacture a	The inlet diameter/cap specifications of the jerrycans under this ITB is 50mm and not 35mm.

	<p>new mould for the amended inlet diameter/cap and this will not be possible to complete within the timeframe of the tender deadline as it will take at least 4-5 weeks to manufacture the mould. Producing the samples and then testing the jerrycans will take a further 3-4 weeks. We are therefore requesting if an extension could be granted to provide us with sufficient time to prepare the new mould, samples and complete the testing for your requirement.</p>	
4	<p>“2.4.1.5 Product sample Bidders are requested to send five (05) samples of the offered product, without UNHCR logo, for visual inspection and for future reference to UNHCR at the bidder’s cost (DDP incoterms) to the following address, before the bid closing date:”</p> <p>We have samples ready with UNHCR Logo and NOT without Logo. If we need to make without Logo, we will need to develop new mould, which will take a lot of time. Hence, is it ok to submit samples with UNHCR Logo and Manufacturer Marking, exactly as per the required Product Specification?</p>	<p>We require the samples as per the technical specifications (Annex A) of this ITB, therefore, the samples shall be without UNHCR logo.</p>
5	<p>Laboratory Certificate: Is Lab certificate from International Laboratory like Intertek, SGS, Bureau Veritas acceptable?</p>	<p>Yes, it is acceptable as long as they comply with the requirements established in section 2.4.1.6 Laboratory Certificate of the Cover Letter</p>
6	<p>Would it be acceptable if we do not use the PCR Plastic and instead, we can try on utilising the in-house Production Recycled Plastic for manufacturing the jerry cans?</p> <p>We can try to increase the percentage of the in-house recycled plastic to >30%?</p>	<p>The material composition of the item can be made of a mixture of virgin and recycled material which can include pre-consumer and/or post-consumer, as indicated in section 2.5.3 in the cover letter related to sustainability evaluation/material composition of the item, it is acceptable to use pre-consumer material however post-consumer material is preferable as it's less likely to end up in a landfill than pre-consumer. Additional information has been included in the amendment of documents related to the information required to be submitted for pre-consumer material.</p>
7	<p>Kindly advise if it is possible for samples to be delivered in my Country in this Case UNHCR Offices in Nairobi, Kenya.</p>	<p>No, please send the samples to the address indicated at UNHCR global warehouse in Dubai. This is where the samples are collected for evaluation. The samples are to be send via DDP incoterms.</p>

8	<p>Kindly clarify us the followings:</p> <p>As per earlier UNHCR specification of Semi Collapsible Jerry can the inner diameter of the opening of the Jerry can was 35mm and the mould for the same is available with us. Presently we have found that the specification has been changed and the Diameter of the opening has become 50mm, which is 15mm wider than earlier specification. Due to this revised specification we need to develop new mould and standardisation of the product needs to be performed for sample preparation and testing from International Lab, which requires some time. In this context, kindly clarify whether the diameter has been revised or should we go ahead with earlier specification of 35mm diameter.</p>	<p>The inlet diameter/cap specification under this ITB is 50mm and not 35mm.</p>
9	<p>Would it be possible to make the requirement for recycled content optional instead of scoring due to the difficulty to obtain the raw material?</p>	<p>Recycled content is an important requirement for UNHCR, as it is part of the strategy to reduce the environmental impact of items purchased by the Organization. In this case, it is optional to have different levels of recycled content from pre-consumer and/or post-consumer material or a combination of virgin and recycled material while satisfying the quality, safety and usability requirements of the item.</p>

AMENDMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS

i	Correction to ITB Annex B1, point 5.1:	Annex B1, point 5.1 is to be read as following “ Have 5 samples been sent to the address as per Cover Letter 2.4.1.5?”. (thus not 1 sample as was published).
ii	Any reference to recycled content material in the solicitation documents (Cover letter and Annexes) and clearly indicated in the Cover Letter under Requirements and Annex A-Technical Specifications under materials, shall be read as follows:	Jerrycans can be made of a mixture of virgin and recycled (pre-consumer and/or post-consumer material) food grade plastic (e.g., Low-Density Polyethylene, High-Density Polyethylene, Polypropylene) that shall be UV-resistant plastic and safe for food and water storage.
iii	Any reference to material composition certificates in the solicitation documents (Cover letter and Annexes) and clearly indicated in the Cover letter under 2.5.3 sustainability evaluation and Annex B-2 Documentation required, shall be read as follows:	<p>For post-consumer material:</p> <p>A) Copy of valid Certificate on Global Recycled Standard (GRS) or equivalent certificate verifying recycled content material.</p> <p>B) To prove the origin of post-consumer recycled LDPE and/or HDPE, the bidder must provide compliance with the upper contamination limit. Food-grade requirement for post-consumer recycled plastic is considered critical. Third party certification is required such as FDA-NOL or equivalent.</p> <p>For pre-consumer material:</p> <p>A) The bidder needs to provide a description of the technological process on how pre-consumer material is included in the manufacturing process and self-declaration of the percentage of recycled content.</p> <p>B) Third-party verification process for pre-consumer recycled content (e.g. certification, audits).</p>