

Questions and answers II

“Supply of the equipment for the biosciences technology commercialisation and incubation centre (BioCentre)”

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QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
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<p>Q1:</p> <p>LOT No.1: GENERAL LABORATORY EQUIPMENT</p> <p>Item 19 Microbiological Safety Cabinet</p> <p>Requirement: Safe working area dimension (WxDxH /cm): 120x60x80 (with ±10% tolerance for W and D)</p> <p>Question: We noticed that in the new specifications the 10% tolerance is only on W and D while is missing on H. A cabinet with EXACT height of 80cm is not available on the market. Can we consider a 10% tolerance also for the height?</p>	<p>A1:</p> <p>Height of 80 cm is considered to be the total height from the floor till safe working area, not the exact height of the cabinet.</p>
<p>Q2:</p> <p>Item 9 Incubator Shaker</p> <p>Requirement: Interchangeable Erlenmeyer flasks dedicated platforms for: 4 L</p> <p>Question: Since the 4L Erlenmeyer flasks are not commonly used, can we read 4L as a minimum request.</p>	<p>A2:</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>The requirements in Technical Specifications are presented as a minimum standard which the offered goods must meet.</p>

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<p>Q3:</p> <p>Item 15-16 Requirement: “Built-in steam generator with sampling valve”</p> <p>Question: According to the European Directive for pressure equipment (PED), these smaller steam generators are not required to have a sampling valve. Since most of the manufacturers follow the PED rules, most the autoclaves manufactured in the eligible countries aren’t equipped with a sampling valve for the steam. Can we ignore this requirement?</p>	<p>A3:</p> <p>No.</p> <p>The requirements in Technical Specifications are presented as a minimum standard which the offered goods must meet.</p>
<p>Q4:</p> <p>Item 20 Requirement: “CO2 filter efficiency: 99.99% for 0.3 µm”</p> <p>Question: The requested dimension for the filter (0.3 µm) is not suitable for the standard use of CO2 incubator. Using a so narrow filter may cause troubles to the whole instrument and pressure fluctuation; most manufacturers recommend a 0.45 µm filter to guarantee 99.99% efficiency. Can we read the requirement as follows: “CO2 filter efficiency: 99.99% for 0.45 µm or 0.3 µm”?</p>	<p>A4:</p> <p>No.</p> <p>The requirements in Technical Specifications are presented as a minimum standard which the offered goods must meet.</p>
<p>Q5:</p> <p>Requirement: “Fixed plain stage and mechanical stage with additional T-flask (25-300 cm2) holders, temperature control stage”</p> <p>Question: Although all kind of T-flasks, with surface comprised between 25 and 300 cm2, can be used with the requested microscope, only T flasks with dimensions comprised between 25 and 75 cm2 can be used with the holders. Can the requirement be read as follows: Fixed plain stage and mechanical stage with additional T-flask (25-75 cm2) holders, temperature control stage?</p>	<p>A5:</p> <p>T-flask (25-300cm2) holders means that it is possible to put the T-flasks size up to 300 cm2, the flasks do not have to be fixed.</p>
<p>Q6:</p> <p>Item 28 Requirement: “Suitable for use in ambient conditions (+35°C)”</p>	<p>A6:</p> <p>No.</p> <p>The requirements in Technical Specifications are</p>

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<p>Question: We think that a typing error occurred: usually deep freezers are designed to operate in ambient conditions “class temperature C” (up to +25 °C and not + 35°C); Can we read “suitable for use in ambient conditions (+25°C)”?</p>	<p>presented as a minimum standard which the offered goods must meet.</p>
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<p>Q7:</p> <p>LOT No.1: GENERAL LABORATORY EQUIPMENT</p> <p>Item 9 Incubator Shaker</p> <p>Please confirm whether PC software is also approved as a more contemporary equivalent of the chart recorder?</p> <p>Please clarify “back-up system” as in “Chart recorder <u>with</u> back-up system”.</p>	<p>A7:</p> <p>No, only PC software is not acceptable.</p> <p>Chart recorder must have back up system. Back-up system depends on chart recorder offered. Back-up system must allow later extraction of recorded data in digital or printing form.</p>
<p>Q8:</p> <p>Item 23 Microscope</p> <p>Since a distinction is made between item 22 “Inverted Microscope” and item 23 “Microscope”, it is confusing that the specification “Long Working Distance condenser” for item 23 only makes sense if item 23 is also an “Inverted Microscope”. Please confirm whether the specification “Long Working Distance condenser” applies to item 23 and that item 23 also relates to an “Inverted Microscope”.</p>	<p>A8:</p> <p>Long working distance condenser applies to item 23 which is upright microscope.</p> <p>Longer working distance is needed when a hot and cold stage is adopted on a upright optical microscope. The Long Working Distance Condenser provides longer working distance than a conventional condenser, which compensates for the needs for increased distance between the sample and condenser.</p>
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<p>Q9:</p> <p>LOT No.1: GENERAL LABORATORY EQUIPMENT</p> <p>Item 22 Inverted microscope</p> <p>Technical Specification: Fixed plain stage and mechanical stage with additional T-flasks (25-300 cm²) holders, temperature-controlled stage.</p>	<p>A9:</p> <p>T-flask (25-300cm²) holders means that it is possible to put the T-flasks size up to 300 cm², the flasks do not have to be fixed.</p>

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<p>Question: In the eligible countries, there aren't microscopes with holders for such a big range of T-flasks (25-300 cm²), but all the T-flasks (25-300 cm²) can be anyway analyzed with the microscope, adjusting manually their position. Can we ignore this requirement about holders?</p>	
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NOTE:

Drawings for Lot 4 and Lot 5 are annexes of the corresponding technical specifications for Lot 4 and Lot 5, i.e., the drawings form part of the technical requirements for Lot 4 and Lot 5. Therefore, the drawings for Lot 4 and Lot 5 must be taken into account when preparing tenders.

All items which need to be installed must be fitted into dimensions indicated in the drawings, i.e. all required installation and fitting must be allowed by dimension of offered furniture.