

File No.NAL/PUR/S&P/001/25

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CORRIGENDUM


Tender ID: 2025_CSIR_233118_1

In continuation to our tender No.NAL/PUR/S&P/001/25, uploaded on 19-April-02025, for the "Fully integrated solution package that covers freight forwarding, consolidation, customs clearance, transportation, delivery and allied services". The reply to the queries raised by the prospective bidders is as under:

Sr. No.	Queries from CHA	NAL Response
1	Format and Signing of Bid (Clause 11, ITB) Since the bid submission is through the CPP Portal in online mode, please confirm definitively whether the traditional requirement of submitting two separate envelopes (Techno-Commercial Unpriced Bid and Price Bid) still applies. The ambiguity here risks misinterpretation and potential disqualification, and must be resolved urgently.	Bid to be submitted in online mode through CPP Portal. Offline or two envelop techno-commercial & price bid will not be accepted.
2	Payment of Customs Duty (Clause B.10 vs Annexure-E, Clause 02) There is a clear contradiction between Clause B.10 (Rs. 2,50,000) and Annexure-E, Clause 02 (Rs. 5,00,000) regarding the duty payment cap. Additionally, government circulars, including those from the Ministry of Finance, discourage duty payments by agents beyond Rs. 50,000. Kindly confirm the applicable duty payment ceiling and whether CSIR-NAL will adhere to the updated government guidelines, or provide specific justification if otherwise.	The payment of Customs Duty may be read as Rs.2,50,000/- at Clause: 02, Annexure - E. The duty component is stipulated by NAL in view of the nature and volume of imported shipments.
3	FCA Charges (Clause D.3) For FCA consignments, clarification is required on whether CSIR-NAL will reimburse origin charges (inland handling, export clearance, etc.) in line with Incoterms 2020/2025. If not reimbursed, kindly justify the rationale. Also confirm whether reimbursement must be supported by the original copy of the HAWB.	CSIR-NAL shall pay all origin charges under FCA shipments. This includes costs associated with loading the goods onto the carrier, as well as any charges related to the shipping terminal where the cargo is loaded. Whereas the export clearance charges shall be paid by the Exporter. This includes all costs associated with customs clearance for export in the country of origin, such as duties, taxes and fees.

4	Customs Documentation (Annexure-E, Clause 06) Considering the shift to fully digital documentation in customs procedures, please confirm whether digitally signed or system-generated certified copies (such as for HAWB, MAWB, invoices) are acceptable, or if physical attestation is still mandatory. Continued insistence on physical copies is inconsistent with current customs practices and could create operational delays.	Computer generated original receipt as per the actual/agreed charges is acceptable.
5	Performance Bank Guarantee (Annexure-E, Clause 11) The stipulated Performance Bank Guarantee of Rs. 10,00,000/- is disproportionate and places an undue burden on bidders. We request immediate reconsideration and reduction to Rs. 2,00,000. If not possible, kindly explain the rationale for such a high security deposit, especially considering the absence of interest accrual and the nature of the service.	In view of the nature of the consignment and its high value, the value of performance security is stipulated accordingly.

Kindly, note that, all other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain the same.


Controller of Stores & Purchase
For and on behalf of CSIR-NAL