

Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation,
Chennai-6

RC.No.991/PUR-I/2020

Procurement of FOOTWEAR for the year 2020-2021

**Clarification / Remarks on the Queries raised in the Pre-Bid Meeting
through Video Calling held on 19.05.2020 at 03.00 p.m.**

Sl. No	Queries Raised	Remarks / Amendment now issued
1.	Due to COVID-19 Pandemic Lock down requesting time extension for submission of Tender.	Bid Conditions confirmed.
3)	<u>Page 42: Annexure I SI no. 3</u> <u>Specification of Upper Material</u> <u>Existing Condition</u> Breaking Strength, N/mm (Min) Warp: 10, Weft: less than 8	Bid Conditions confirmed.
4)	<u>Page 43: Annexure III SI No. 3</u> <u>Specification of Insole material</u> <u>Existing Condition</u> Tearing Strength N(Min): Warp: 30, Weft: 30 <u>Proposed Condition</u> Tearing Strength N(Min): Warp 30 and Weft: 25 <u>Reasoning</u> For Upper Material you are demanding Warp: 30 and Weft: 25. Why do we need more Weft for insole material rather than upper material.	Bid Conditions confirmed.
5)	<u>Page 43: Annexure IV SI. No. 2</u> <u>Specification of Edge Binding Material</u> <u>Existing Condition</u> Thickness, mm (fabric only): 0.6+- 0.05 <u>Proposed Condition</u> Thickness , mm (Folded Fabric): 0.6+- 0.05 <u>Reasoning</u> Testing method given is ISO 2589:2016 Measurement. But this method is applicable for leather material whereas you have asked for a Polyester Polybride folded fabric so thickness should be checked for folded fabric not only fabric..	Bid Conditions confirmed.
6)	<u>Page 42: Annexure I SI no. 5</u> <u>Specification of Upper Material</u> <u>Existing Condition</u> Tearing Strength, N(Min): Warp: 30, Weft: less than 25	Bid Conditions confirmed.
7)	<u>Clause no.</u> Annexure VIII on page no.45 Abrasion value is prescribed as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Velcro Sandal – Max, Volume loss: 350mm³ As per ISO 20880 Standards for "Performance requirements for outsole", it is classified vide table 1 in four groups of A B C D and wherein Class C denotes as "Children Shoes" and declare them of the category of "high exposer". Further, vide table 2 - "Test method and requirements" of the said standard in confirmation with the latest work vide ISO/TC216/SC/N795	Bid Conditions confirmed.

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	<p>dated 28th Mar 2017, the requirements are as under for category 'C' i.e. " Children Shoe", wherein outsole material is of density greater than 0.9 gm/cc and in such case, the volume loss will be not exceeding or equal to 250 mm³.</p> <p>Similarly, the maximum volume loss of outsole when density is less than 0.9 gm/cc, in such case the abrasion value will be 150 mm³ maximum.</p> <p>In accordance with above, the volume loss for school shoes i.e. PVC sole cannot be of 300 mm³, as is prescribed and should be of 150 mm³. Hence, we would request you to please change the same.</p> <p>Clause no. Not Specified in Tender</p> <p>Harmful Chemicals in Shoes Most of the footwear is produced and supplied are manufactured with plastic materials such as PVC, PU, EVA etc.</p> <p>Unless the abovesaid footwear are manufactured systematically & with right additives, the resultant goods will be health hazard for the wearer (end customer), which in the present case are children of tender age.</p> <p>The process of addition of unauthorized additives which generally contain heavy metals, harmful phthalates, recycled unhygienic and contaminated inputs etc is unethical and is done to reduce the cost of manufacturing at the cost of health and safety of children. Addition of such banned additives results in skin rashes & fertility issues and generally are carcinogenic in nature. PVC coated fabric while coming in contact directly with the skin, may create medical complications for minor children being the end user and should be replaced with PU coated fabric.</p> <p>BIS has Incorporated IS 17011 in the standards of footwear in which all such banned chemicals are specified (vide table 1). BIS has already implemented this for effective control on usage of such banned products. Communication to this effect is clear in Point#3 of BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) letter dated 5th May 2020 copied to yourself is enclosed along with letter. We would therefore request you to kindly incorporate the Table 1 of IS 17011 in the tender specification.</p>	<p>Bid Conditions confirmed</p>
8)	<p>Cash Credit Facility: This Cash Credit Facility clause was introduced in TNTNBC tender from year 2018-19 onwards. But there was always a clause that in case bidder does not need any Cash Credit Facility to complete this tender supply then as an alternative there was a declaration in Annexures which said that bidder declares that bidder has self sufficient funds and does not need any Bank facility to complete this supply. With this condition being mandatory, you are encouraging bidders to mandatorily have Cash Credit facility from bank which is not correct. Therefore, as an alternate, declaration form should be accepted.</p>	<p>4.4.6. Cash Credit / Bank Over Draft Facility The Tenderer shall have a minimum cash credit / / Bank Over Draft facility of Rs.3.00 Crore exclusively for this work duly certified by the Banker. (The original certificate in the prescribed format issued by the Nationalised/Scheduled Bank should be enclosed)</p> <p>Annexure XI: Format for Availability of Cash Credit / Bank over draft Facility – Nationalized / Scheduled Bank Certificate.</p>

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9)	<p><u>Page No.25 – Point No.4.28.1</u> <u>Payment of Security Deposit</u></p> <p>In previous years, this irrevocable Bank Guarantee was required for 18 months and not 24 months. 18 months validity should be sufficient for a Bank Guarantee as we need to complete our supply with 120 days (4 months) and balance 5% payment and Security deposit will be released after 6 months of last supply so overall 10 months. Still we are providing Bank Guarantee valid for 18 months. Unnecessary we will have to pay extra charges to bank for extending validity by 6 months.</p>	Bid Conditions confirmed.
10)	<p><u>Clause no.</u> <u>4.21 Sample Testing for Tender Evaluation on Page 21</u></p> <p>As per above para point (a), “<i>The samples shall be tested by the Corporation in an accredited laboratory</i>”</p> <p>As per the CVC guidelines bearing notification no. 2EE-1-CTE dated 15.10.2003 making obscure the requirement of submission of sample at the technical bid stage, we would request for kind consideration of CVC guidelines and Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 2000.</p> <p>We would therefore request that the clause no. 4.21 of “testing of the tender samples should be withdrawn” as it is against the CVC guidelines. Further, the testing should be restricted to only the bulk production samples (Pre-dispatch & On-site).</p> <p><u>Clause no.</u> <u>4.21 Sample Testing for Tender Evaluation on Page 21</u></p> <p>Accredited Laboratory</p> <p>All the goods will be tested by “accredited laboratory” wherein the word “accredited laboratory” is not defined at all in the NIT.</p> <p>It must be clarified that accredited laboratory means all such laboratories which are approved by competent agency including NABL to declare that all independent ISO standards, based upon which only the specification is framed, is competent to carry out the necessary tests for such the laboratory is approved. One should ascertain the claims of each laboratory from NABL website.</p> <p>Approved laboratory must have approval of all the independent ISO specifications from competent authorities and only those laboratories should be engaged for testing. In the absence of the clear guidelines, the tests undertaken by incompetent and ineligible laboratories will be huge compromise to quality and usability of the shoes.</p>	Bid Conditions confirmed.

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	<p>In addition, one of our major concerns is unjustified inclusion of two separate standards by Corporation which are ISO and SATRA standards.</p> <p>Further, it is recommended that all ISO and SATRA standards in the tenders should be replaced with Indian standards (BIS) as expected out of Government department. Communication to this effect vide BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) letter dated 5th May 2020 copied to yourself is enclosed along with letter.</p> <p>It is also requested that the manufacturers must have all the facilities for in-house testing, so as to ensure appropriate test and quality control. Further, such facilities must be inspected and recorded during plant inspection by the competent authority and to also ensure employment of competent & qualified laboratory technician on permanent roll of the manufacturers.</p>	<p>Bid Conditions confirmed</p>

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