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Notice to Bidders 3: RT24-2026 Questions Received from Bidders

1. Kindly take note of the following changes to the documentation published on the E-tenders

Portal:

- 1.1 Revised SBD 1 as per Notice to Bidders No. 2
- 1.2 Revised Special Conditions of Contract
- 1.3 Revised TCD 13
- 1.4 Revised Annexure A: Technical Specifications
- 1.5 Revised Annexure B: Pricing Schedule
- 1.6 The container for uploading the information Brochure
- 1.7 The container for uploading Special Conditions of Contract
- 1.8 The container for uploading the General Conditions of Contract

2. Kindly take note of the following changes on the Annexure A Technical Specification:

#	Item No	Changes
i.	RT24-02-20	The ICU Bariatric Bed is replaced with a Multifunction ICU Bed with Lateral Tilt.
ii.	RT24-05-02	Removal of Appendix F as Reference. Profile updated and accessible on the eTenders portal.
iii.	RT24-11-11	MRI Chair removed profile updated.
iv.	RT24-11-12	Transport Chair removed profile updated.
v.	RT24-02-07	IEC 60601-1-2 compliance requirement removed.
vi.	RT24-02-09	IEC 60601-1-2 compliance requirement removed.



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vii.	RT24-02-11	IEC/SANS 60601-1-2 compliance requirement added.
viii.	RT24-12-08	Technical Specifications for ICU Chart Cart, amended to be Mild Steel material only, without a combination of polymer.

3. Questions related to Technical Specifications:

#	Question	Response
a.	<p>We have been reviewing the Tender Specification Document (Annexure A) and noted that it references Appendix F under the “Attached Reference” section.</p> <p>However, Appendix F does not appear to be included in the tender documents provided.</p>	<p>Kindly see the updated Annexure A: Technical Specification on the eTenders portal.</p>
b.	<p>RT24-02-08 – Delivery Bed (Electric)</p> <p>Specification 1.29.3 requires: “<i>Height adjustable: 260 – 600 mm ±40 mm</i>”.</p> <p>We request clarification on the clinical rationale for this range, as the lower limit appears unusually low.</p> <p>Industry norms typically reflect a height range of approximately 500 mm to 900 mm.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Bid Specification Committee accepts the spec to review the height specification from 260 – 600mm to 480 – 850mm.</p>
c.	<p>RT24-02-07 – Gynae Examination Chair (Hydraulic)</p> <p>The specification requires IEC 60601-1-2, which relates to electromagnetic compatibility.</p> <p>As this is a non-electric (hydraulic) item, this requirement appears not to be applicable.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Kindly note that item RT24-02-07 has been corrected. Refer to the revised technical specification.</p>



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	Moeti indicated during the session that this may be an error and would be reviewed and removed for non-electric items.	
d.	RT24-02-09 – Delivery Bed (Hydraulic) Similarly, IEC 60601-1-2 is listed as a requirement for this non-electric item. As above, Moeti indicated that this would be reviewed and corrected.	Response: Kindly note that item RT24-02-09 has been corrected. Refer to the revised Annexure A: Technical specification.
e.	Profile vs Specification Discrepancy Under the Profile (Technical Specifications), item RT24-10-06 is listed as: <i>“Drip Stand Mobile, Type C Stainless Steel, 2 IV Hooks”</i> However, the specification and pricing schedule for the abovementioned describes this item as a <i>“Kick-about for bucket”</i> . Kindly confirm the correct description and specification.	Response: Kindly note that item RT24-10-06 has been corrected. Refer to the revised Annexure B: Pricing Schedule.
f.	Missing Specifications Items RT24-10-08, RT24-10-09, RT24-10-10, and RT24-10-11 appear in the Profile summary. However, corresponding technical specifications are not provided, and these items do not appear on the Pricing Schedule. Please advise on how these items should be interpreted and whether they form part of the tender scope.	Response: Kindly note that items RT24-10-08, RT24-10-09, RT24-10-10, and RT24-10-11 have been removed. Refer to the revised Annexure A: Technical specification.



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g.	3.11 on theatre tables can you clarify if that is the table column must be stainless steel or the table base must be stainless steel?	Response: 3.11 Table column and base covers must be at least 304 stainless steel grades.
h.	The description on ICU Chart Trolleys (RT24-12-08) says mild steel chart, but it also includes specification for polymer drawers, so which is it? Whether you require a polymer cart or whether you require mild steel cart.	Response: 1.2 Material: Mild steel with epoxy/nylon powder-coated finish to comply with SANS 778 paragraph 5.2 1.5.1 Left compartment must have four (4) drawers.
i.	Are we supposed to bid for RT24-05-03, RT24-05-04 & RT24-05-05 even though we can only supply once off?	Response: Only bidders who have guaranteed continuous supply throughout the contract should bid, meaning authorization will be required for the above items.
j.	Clarification on mattress seam sealing The tender specification states that the mattress must be sealed Please could the committee clarify whether this means: a) the mattress cover must be fully welded/sealed on all seams, including the final seam; or b) only the final seam must be closed, but not necessarily welded, provided the mattress is properly enclosed. This clarification is important because a fully welded mattress cover and a stitched/closed final seam are materially different in terms of infection	Response: Fully sealed with all seams welded without a zip closure.



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	control, fluid ingress resistance, durability and manufacturing process.	
k.	<p>SANS 778 requirement for chemo/dialysis chairs</p> <p>The tender specification calls for SANS 778 in relation to the chemo/dialysis chair.</p> <p>Our understanding is that SANS 778 relates predominantly to patients’ trolleys, rather than fixed or reclining treatment chairs such as dialysis chairs. We therefore ask the committee to clarify whether SANS 778 is intended to apply to the chemo/dialysis chair, or whether an equivalent medical device quality and safety compliance route would be acceptable.</p> <p>As a local South African manufacturer with ISO 13485 certification, we would like to understand whether ISO 13485 compliance, together with appropriate product specifications, load ratings, electrical safety documentation where applicable, and quality control records, would satisfy the committee’s intention for this requirement.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Compliance requirement for SANS 778, specifically subsection 5.2, involves any mild steel item on tender that requires the steel to be epoxy-powder coated or nylon-powder coated to comply with those finish requirements.</p> <p>ISO 13485 certification will not be a replacement for specified standards, as no evidence can be provided that the product was tested against national standard requirements.</p>
l.	<p>We import most of our emergency- and procedure trolleys. Would International Certifications suffice, or do we require independent additional SANS certifications? We may not be able to obtain these in time for the tender. Please confirm if international standards and certifications would suffice.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Where South African National Standards are required, bidders must comply with clause 6.4.8 of the SCC. The exemption is on SANS 60601-2-52, which was adopted from IEC 60601-2-52 without changes.</p>



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m.	<p>Regarding to specs on the mattress it is not clear, kindly advise on Ref: RT24-02-19 if the requirement is for both the mattress and core to be fire retardant.</p> <p>We have noticed a discrepancy in item numbers and descriptions that appear on the list of categories versus the detailed technical specification for CATEGORY 12, Trolleys and pricing schedule Annexure B.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Kindly note that item RT24-02-19 has been corrected. Refer to the revised Annexure A: Technical specification and Annexure B: Pricing Schedule.</p>
n.	<p>Querying the weight capacity on item RT24-08-007, 150kg is hopelessly too low (most likely a typo?).</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>The technical specification states a minimum weight requirement of 150kg.</p>
o.	<p>I am querying about the IEC 60601-2-52 for electric beds and treatment tables. Unfortunately, I don't have one in my company name. I would like to use the report of my supplier for all electronic components and accessories for the bed and treatment tables.</p> <p>Can I attach a declaration letter from my supplier on a stamped letterhead to endorse this document? Will there be anything else that I need?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>The IEC 60601-2-52 compliance requirement is for the bed model. Therefore, even if the bed model certification is under the OEM, it will still be acceptable.</p>



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4. Special Conditions of Contract:

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a.	We were one of the suppliers that had products awarded on RT24. I wanted to find out if we need to resubmit for SABS testing again, if we went through the exercise the previous time when tendering.	Kindly refer to paragraph 6.4.8.4 of the Special Condition of Contract, which clearly states that any test report that is older than eighteen months as of the bid closing date will be considered invalid, will not be accepted, and will lead to disqualification for the affected item.
b.	We were one of the suppliers that had products awarded on RT24. I wanted to find out if we need to resubmit for SABS testing again, if we went through the exercise the previous time when tendering.	Kindly refer to paragraph 6.4.8.4 of the Special Condition of Contract, which clearly states that any test report that is older than eighteen months as of the bid closing date will be considered invalid, will not be accepted, and will lead to disqualification for the affected item.
c.	Please clarify if conformity compliance is required for each item tendered for, or just the items listed on the special conditions on 6.4.8.11	Clause 6.4.8.11 Specific Requirement for Product Testing: Annexure A: Technical Specifications provides reference to the items that require proof of compliance, and such certificates must be submitted together with the bid.
d.	Please clarify if conformity compliance is required for each item tendered for or just the items listed on the special conditions on 6.4.8.11	Response: Clause 6.4.8.11 Specific Requirement for Product Testing: Annexure A: Technical Specifications provides reference to the items that require proof of compliance, and such certificates must be submitted together with the bid.



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e.	<p>SAHPRA</p> <p>Please confirm whether Class A medical devices now require registration with the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority.</p> <p>In the event that registration is required, would a letter acknowledging receipt of an application be acceptable for RT24-2026 tender submission purposes? This as SAHPRA is a new requirement on the RT24.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Bullet 1: All manufacturers, distributors, and wholesalers (as referred to in Section 22C (1)(b) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act) are required to obtain a medical device license as an establishment.</p> <p>Bullet 2: Clause 6.4.7.2 of the Special Conditions of contract indicates that the licence must be valid at the closing date and time of the bid. Failure to submit the required licence, the items that require the license being disqualified.</p>
f.	<p>IEC Compliance</p> <p>Is there a possibility that a local laboratory/testing facility could be set up to test specifically for IEC 60601-2-52? Alternatively, locally manufactured products would need to be sent overseas for this testing, with this process taking up to several months to complete.</p> <p>Kindly confirm whether certification must be completed at the time of tender submission, or whether proof of application for the abovementioned IEC would suffice?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>IEC 60601-2-52: 2009 has been adopted as South African National Standard (SANS 60601-2-52: 2011, and any SANAS-accredited laboratory should be able to conduct the minimum standards compliance testing requirements.</p>
g.	<p>MDR (Medical Device Regulation)</p> <p>For items manufactured locally in South Africa, is compliance with the European MDR mandatory, where referenced in the technical specifications?</p> <p>The tender gives preference to goods manufactured locally, therefore is there a</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Where the item is manufactured locally, and the required conformity compliance includes European MD regulation, the other listed national and adopted international standards will take precedence. Example: If RT24-02-17 (3-Section</p>



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	<p>recognised local or equivalent standard that would be acceptable?</p> <p>Would a Declaration of Conformity suffice in this regard?</p>	<p>Electric Hospital Bed) is manufactured locally, the item will be acceptable if it complies with SANS 778 (5.2), SANS 883, SANS 621, SANS 1291-1, and adopted SANS 60601-1-2 & SANS 60601-2-52.</p>
h.	<p>SANS Requirements</p> <p>Please provide clarity on SANS testing and certification requirements:</p> <p>For example, item RT2-01-05 (Specifications 1.3 / 2.2) requires SANS 621 compliance for castors. As far as we understand, there is no facility to test in South Africa currently.</p> <p>Where castors are imported, would an equivalent international standard be acceptable, or would local testing and certification still be required? This query applies broadly to all SANS requirements for imported components and/or finished items.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Bullet 1: SABS confirmed that it has the capacity and capability to conduct testing in accordance with the required SANS 621 in South Africa.</p>
i.	<p>Special Conditions under page 18, paragraph 6.4.6.4-point b speaks of a comprehensive toolkit. What does that toolkit comprise of?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>The comprehensive toolkit consists of individual tools required for the maintenance of items offered on the bid.</p>
j.	<p>On category 1 for example you asked for SANS 13485 which is international standard has adopted the international standard ISO. So will the ISO 13485 be accepted as in place of the SANS if we are importing the products same as SANS 417, the adopted one is SANS is 9001, is this replacing the international standards?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>No, ISO9001 covers the quality management aspect. The SANS 417 addresses the chemical composition of that stainless steel. The two standards cannot be regarded as equivalent.</p> <p>With regards to ISO 13485, the Original Equipment Manufacturer or Product Equipment Manufacturer must comply with the standard. Therefore, the</p>



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		OEM must provide the bidder with the ISO 13485 certificate for submission together with the bid by the closing date and time of the bid.
k.	<p>ISO 13485 requirements for mattress manufacturers</p> <p>Please could the committee confirm whether a decision has been made regarding whether the mattress manufacturer/OEM must be ISO 13485 compliant?</p> <p>Our understanding is that hospital mattresses used for patient care are classified as medical devices, and the tender documentation appears to require that the OEM/manufacturer be ISO 13485 compliant. ISO 13485 is the internationally recognised quality management system standard for medical devices.</p> <p>We therefore respectfully ask whether the committee intends to enforce this requirement specifically on the actual manufacturer of the mattress, rather than only on a reseller, distributor, or importer.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>The ISO 13485 requirement is for the OEM of the main item on offer. In the case of a hospital bed complete with a mattress, the bed is the main item, and the mattress is just an additional component.</p>
l.	<p>SAHPRA registration/licensing requirement for locally manufactured Class A/Class I devices</p> <p>We have been advised previously that a Class I/Class A medical device may not require individual product registration in the same way as higher-risk devices. However, the tender specification refers to SAHPRA registration.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>The requirement is for all bidders to comply with Section 22C (1)(b) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, which requires Manufacturers, Wholesalers, and Distributors to obtain Medical Device licenses as an establishment license.</p>



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	<p>We locally manufacture a chemo/dialysis chair in South Africa and hold ISO 13485 certification. Please could the committee clarify whether the requirement is for:</p> <p>a) the product itself to be registered with SAHPRA; b) the manufacturer to hold a valid SAHPRA medical device establishment licence; or c) both.</p> <p>SAHPRA guidance indicates that medical device establishments manufacturing, distributing, or wholesaling medical devices in South Africa are required to hold a medical device establishment licence, and that the application includes listing the devices manufactured, distributed, or wholesaled.</p> <p>If SAHPRA licensing or listing is required for this product, please could the committee also confirm whether bidders who are local ISO 13485-certified manufacturers may submit proof of application or be granted a reasonable period to complete the SAHPRA process, especially where previous guidance received suggested that individual registration was not required for a Class I/Class A device.</p>	
m.	<p>Certifications suffice, or do we require independent additional SANS certifications? We may not be able to obtain these in time for the tender. Please confirm if international standards</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Where South African National Standards are required, bidders must comply with clause 6.4.8 of the SCC. The exemption is on SANS 60601-2-52,</p>



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5. General Questions

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a.	The above bid has reference. We note that the new bid has been published, and we further note that the current bid (RT24-2024) does not have any updated supplier price increases loaded on the website; as such, addenda were last updated in 2024. Please note this puts new bidders at a serious disadvantage. Can you please fix your website urgently?	Kindly note that all amendments for RT24-2024 are available on the Treasury website. Please refer to the link below for your attention. <u>National Treasury</u> The prices reflected on the National Treasury Website are the prices that were approved by the office. No additional price adjustments were processed beyond the period in question.
	Please note that the e-submission portal does not provide designated upload containers for the Special Conditions of Contract and General Conditions of Contract.	Kindly note that the slot/pocket has been created to enable you to upload the Special Conditions of Contract and General Conditions of Contract.
	With regards to the local content and the cost components thereof, in the past, we had to complete an Excel document, annexure A, B, and C, where we actually show the workings for the local content. There's no such document.	Response: You are required to declare the local content percentages in the pricing schedule as stipulated in paragraph 6.5.4.7(e) of the Special Conditions of Contract. The Annexures A, B, and C do not apply to this bid.
	There is really a lot of work that needs to be done with regard to this tender, and it's the closing in three weeks. Are there any considerations for maybe extending the closing date?	Response: The closing date has been extended to 19 June 2026 at 11H00. Kindly refer to Notice to Bidders No. 2.



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	No compulsory subcontracting mentioned for any of the categories?	Response: Yes, it is not a requirement.
	Is there any local content exemptions with the DTI that are applicable for this submission?	Response: You need to request the exemptions from DTIC if the material is not available locally. As a bidder, you must indicate on the pricing schedule the local content and production percentage as stipulated in paragraph 6.5.4.3 (d) of the Special Conditions of Contract.
	BEE certificate as returnable documents? Is my understanding also correct for that?	Response: No, BBBEE is not a requirement for all returnable documents listed in Table 1. The RT24-2026 will be evaluated in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Regulations.
	Who is the contact person regarding the e-submission inquiries?	Response: Telephone no: 012 406 9222 or email: eTenders@treasury.gov.za NB!! Only during working hours: 08H00 to 16H00 and working days only Monday to Friday. (Refer to paragraph 7.2.4 of the Special Conditions of Contract).
	With an SAHPRA licence, are we still required to have our stainless-steel components tested, or could we submit testing reports from our stainless-steel suppliers?	Response: SAHPRA license is a prerequisite for all bidders, and each item must still be tested according to the specified standards by a SANAS-accredited lab. The lab verifies compliance with all the requirements of the standards, not only the quality/grade of the steel.



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Kind regards

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FOR CHIEF DIRECTORATE: TRANSVERSAL CONTRACTING

DATE: 1 JUNE 2026