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EEPLIANT2 call for tender for test laboratories: Household refrigerators (Lot 1) and Professional refrigerated storage cabinets (Lot 2)

Responses to questions about the tender, as at May 24, 2018

Date of publication of the call for tender: 7 May 2018

Summary of questions received and answers provided:

Ref.	Submission Date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	8 May 2018	[General] Accreditation	<i>Is EN 17025 accreditation essential for this tender response?</i>	Results of this testing may be used by authorities in legal action for enforcement and so authorities must be able to justify full confidence in results. The preferred route to achieve that is using accredited labs. This is also more cost-effective for authorities, who must otherwise find other ways to validate results. A non-accredited lab must demonstrate equivalent benefits to accreditation and minimal additional validation work for authorities.
2	8 May 2018	[General] Cabinet numbers and types	<i>Are the type and size of cabinets known?</i>	This is not known yet. The pricing format allows labs to take account of variation in cost of testing different types and sizes.
3	8 May 2018	[Lot 1] Test Standard	<i>Which exact clauses are concerned?</i>	PROSAFE invites the laboratories to be proactive in recommending the necessary test details in order to meet the listed parameters, and to price accordingly. Clarity and transparency of pricing is preferred to enable final adjustments.
4	18 May 2018	[Lot 1] Freezing capacity test	<i>Is freezing capacity to be included in the testing plan for household appliances?</i>	Yes, freezing capacity is an ecodesign requirement and this test must be included in the pricing. See also Ref. 3. (Apologies for the unintended ambiguity on that point).
5	18 May 2018	[General] Lots	<i>Can labs apply for both Lots?</i>	Yes, Labs can apply for one or both lots. Note that relevant experience is part of the assessment.
6	18 May 2018	[Lot 1 & Lot 2] Freezing loading plan	<i>Are Energy and Freezing Loading Plans provided by the supplier or determined by the Lab?</i>	The freezing loading plan will be discussed product by product and will be provided either from the manual or by the Authority sampling the product. This will depend on which Authority sends the appliance to be tested.

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7	18 May 2018	[Lot 1] Test Standard	<i>Re. New IEC 62552-3:2015: is only determination of energy consumption at 16°C and 32°C to be covered?</i>	PROSAFE will rely on the lab's expertise to advise on the parameters to be tested to allow comparison of results between standards.
8	18 May 2018	[Lot 1] Climatic class	<i>Is the Control of Climate Class (proper product functionality at extremes temperatures) required?</i>	PROSAFE would welcome a pricing on the storage temperature control. See also Ref. 3.
9	18 May 2018	[Lot 1] Winter settings	<i>Winter setting: where can the definition and relevant test conditions be found?</i>	Where relevant, the winter setting should be checked against the generic ecodesign requirement, and as per the product's manual, which should be delivered with the appliance. PROSAFE will rely on the lab's expertise to interpret the standards regarding this function.
10	18 May 2018	[Lot 1] Frost free	<i>As the control of Frost Freezing Function is not defined by standard, which type of test is needed?</i>	PROSAFE assumes the question is on the frost-free function. PROSAFE will rely on the lab's expertise to interpret the standards regarding this function.
11	18 May 2018	[Lot 1] Noise	<i>Which is the reference standard for noise?</i>	The standards to be used are EN 60704-1:2010+A11:2012 and EN 60704-2-14:2013+A11:2015 (Apologies for the out of date references on that point).
12	18 May 2018	[General] Noise testing	<i>Can noise tests be performed by a lab partner?</i>	Noise test can be done by Partner Labs provided 1) PROSAFE is informed and receives evidence on its experience and 2) there will be only one contract with PROSAFE and the lead lab will be responsible for all arrangements.