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EEPLIANT4 Concerted Action (Project number: 101143050) Work Package 2 refrigerating appliances

Summary of questions received and answers to the Call for Tender for Test Bodies

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#	Date	Question	Answer
1	08/09/2025	Declaration of Honor: the references to points 5(a) to 5(h) are incorrect - it should now read 4(a) to 4(h). Can you provide a corrected document here?	The Declaration on Honour document has been corrected and re-uploaded.
2	08/09/2025	Kindly provide the “ Terms of Reference ”, referred to in the document “ Declaration on honour on the absence of conflict of interest or professional conflicting interest ”.	The Call for Tenders document should be considered as the Terms of Reference for this procedure.
3	12/06/2025	Under point 2 of the “ <i>Call for Tenders</i> ” document, the parameters to be tested are listed. It requires the determination of “all storage temperatures and climate classes” for the tested samples. According to the applicable test standard for household appliances, storage temperatures must be determined at the minimum and maximum ambient temperatures, which can be derived from the defined climate classes. May we assume that the storage temperatures only need to be verified at two different ambient temperatures?	You are correct: the storage temperatures only need to be tested at two different ambient conditions (minimum and maximum).
4	12/09/2025	Will the collection of the devices be organized either by EEPLIANT4 / the responsible MSA or by the manufacturer of the appliance, and that no additional costs will arise for us as a result?	The collection of the devices will be organised by PROSAFE and/or the responsible MSA and no additional costs will arise for you as a result. The manufacturer of the appliance will not be responsible for this.
5	12/09/2025	Will the gelato scooping cabinets be delivered with the corresponding ice bins?	Yes, the gelato scooping cabinets will be delivered with the corresponding ice bin.
6	12/09/2025	Are we correct in assuming that the prices to be indicated for the categories “ <i>Single-product testing 1-4 product models</i> ” and “ <i>Single-product testing 5-10 product models</i> ” refer to a single model in each case, and that the price for the category “ <i>Triple-product testing of one product model</i> ” also refers to one model only, rather than to the simultaneous testing of three models?	The prices to be indicated under the categories “ Single-product testing 1-4 product models ” and “ Single-product testing 5-10 product models ” shall refer to the testing of one single unit for a product model in each case. However, the price for the category “ Triple-product testing of one product model ” shall refer to the testing of three units for each product model that has been selected for this type of testing.
7	12/06/2025	According to our knowledge, there is no manufacturer, who is able to supply the “test cans” as described in the relevant standard EN ISO 22044 for a reasonable price, on the market. We would like to propose that testing is done with commercially available beverage cans (e.g. as typically used for soft drinks) with an internal volume of 330 ml. This set-up could help to avoid unnecessary costs for testing.	Products must be tested in line with the relevant standard, using the prescribed test cans for all market surveillance cases. If commercially available cans can be used instead, a substantiated justification must be provided to demonstrate this has no impact on the test results. Please indicate in section 6.1 “Financial Offer” the cost of testing with the test cans prescribed in the standards, and in section 6.2 “Any comments” the corresponding price reduction for each test price provided above, if commercial cans were used.

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8	15/09/2025	We are in the process of submitting our scope expansion for some standards relevant to product with direct sales function; can we still apply to the tender considering that testing will not start until November?	The laboratory is still invited to submit its proposal. In section 4.3 of the EU Survey submission form, please indicate all the standards for which your laboratory is already accredited, and upload the relative accreditation certificates in section 4.4 . Please use section 4.5 to indicate the standards for which you are seeking accreditation and the expected date of the expanded accreditation scope.
9	15/09/2025	Within the Refrigerating Appliances with direct sales function, can we apply only for selected products, or do we have to provide the capability for all product categories?	Laboratories are invited to submit their tender proposal even if they do not have the capability to test all product categories. In Section 6.1 , please indicate a test price for the product categories for which you wish to submit an offer to undertake the testing. Please simply insert “-” in the fields related to product categories for which you are not applying.
10	15/09/2025	Professional Chest Freezer should not be included within the Household Appliance category, can you please confirm we should consider household chest freezer?	Professional chest freezers indeed should not be included in the household refrigerating appliances category. However, our intention is to distinguish between two major categories dependent on the legislation that applies. Regulations (EU) 2019/2019 and (EU) 2019/2016 cover both household refrigerating appliances and professional chest freezers, as defined by article 2.10 of both regulations, whereas regulations (EU) 2019/2024 and (EU) 2019/2018 cover refrigerating appliances with direct sales function. Therefore, for the purpose of this Call for Tenders and project, household refrigerating appliances and professional chest freezers are considered part of the same category. Interested test laboratories shall include them in their offer.
11	15/09/2025	Can you please confirm if products with remote condensing units are excluded from testing, within the category of Refrigerated Display Cabinets?	You are correct: products with remote condensing units are excluded from the scope of the Call for Tenders.
12	15/09/2025	Can you please clarify which standard should be considered between EN 62552:2013 and EN 62552:2020 /A11:2024?	Both standards should be considered when preparing the tender proposal. The final test programme will be adjusted in function of the models sampled and considering the standards under which they have been placed on the market.
13	16/09/2025	Would it be possible to include a clause in the final contract concerning limited liability of the contractor? (Except for death or bodily injury or any other act or omission for which liability cannot be limited by law)	Yes, our standard contract includes a clause establishing a limit to the liability of the contractor to the contract value. The contract negotiation phase will provide the opportunity to rediscuss this topic.

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