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Subject: Request for additional information related to the Open Call for Tender "Implications of Asynchronous GMO Approvals for EU Imports of Animal Feed Products". Tender N° AGRI-2009-EVAL-09

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the answer of the European Commission to the question raised by a potential tenderer.

In view of improving the quality of the tenders and to ensure that all additional information is evenly distributed amongst the participants in the tendering process, this letter will be made available to all interested parties.

QUESTION:

Concerning the Tender N° AGRI-2009-EVAL-09, and within here the 3 PART E required from the tenderer, i.e. Exclusion Criteria Form: Are all documents of evidence regarding points (a) to (f) of the form to be submitted together with the contract, or, as mentioned in (g), only in case of award of contract? If documents need to be provided immediately: What is the time frame after which the validity of the required documents expires? We have most of the required documents on hand dating from February/March 2009 and wonder whether they would be sufficient for submission of the tender early in September 2009.

ANSWER:

At the time of the submission of an offer, a tenderer is required to provide (among the other documents) a dated and signed (by a person authorised to sign in the name of the tenderer) document **3 PART E "Exclusion Criteria Form"**. The tenderer signs this document on his/her honour, where he/she states that he/she is not in one of the situations described in points from a) to f) (included) **and**, at the same time, commits himself/herself to what is stated in point g), namely that he/she will provide the evidence that he/she is not in any of the situations described in points a), b), d) and e) only if and when the contract is awarded to him/her.

However, if for some reasons the tenderer is not able to sign the above-mentioned document, this situation should be explained in detail and some additional documents may need to be provided at the time of submission of the offer (in this case: 11 September 2009).

For more information in relation to the validity of the exclusion criteria documents, please refer to section 8.2.2.1 of the tender specification, where the time periods are indicated. The validity periods will be decided at the moment of the award of the contract and in relation to any other tender submission that you may have made to DG AGRI.

Please note that all the information, questions or observations of all nature which are in this note, do not engage the Commission in any way. Such engagement may only occur after the completion of the corresponding market procedure, by signature of the contract.

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