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Tenders Question List
Product Activity - Baby Carriers and Cots

Start date:
Monday 19 March 2018

Time limit for receipt of tenders (in hard copy to the PROSAFE Office, address below):
Friday 13 April 2018, 12 noon Brussels time

Summary of questions received and answers provided:

Number	Submission Date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	19 March 2018	Eventual contracting of more than 1 test laboratory	Do you expect 1 laboratory to propose testing for both cots and baby carriers ? Or can we reply independently on one or the other family of products?	Laboratories can reply regarding one product type only. The tender document states that <i>'PROSAFE is calling for one or more laboratories to undertake this testing ... It is emphasised that PROSAFE may decide to assign the testing to more than one laboratory'</i> .
2	19 March 2018	Eventual contracting of more than 1 test laboratory	If you need to receive a complete offer cots + baby carriers, would PROSAFE accept a joint study by two different laboratories?	As per the tender document <i>'PROSAFE does not accept that the selected laboratory further subcontracts the testing services'</i> . A collaborative study can be proposed, but two contracts with two test labs would be awarded.
3	05 April 2018	Pricing under EN 71/3 and ISO 9237	How does a laboratory allow for the evaluation of different textiles e.g. with/without padding, with/without printed decals. It is impossible to estimate the number of tests required without seeing the samples.	Please provide one price, per test and per sample, that allows for the examination of the most simple fabric/s only.
4	06 April 2018	Age/weight limits under EN 13209-2	Regarding baby carriers, please clarify why the limit identified in the tender is 2 years and not 15 kg as per the standard?	Because the Authorities involved decided only to test carriers for infants, and not to test carriers aimed at children who could walk reasonable distances.
5	06 April 2018	Types of carriers to be tested	Please clarify what is meant by other types?	This wording was designed to cover the possible sampling and testing of any baby carriers which fall outside the scope of those specifically identified within the tender documents.
6	06 April 2018	Specific requirements/national deviations	Within EN 13209-1&2 and CEN TR 16512 some national variations exist. Please confirm that the MSAs involved do not have any specific requirements.	None that PROSAFE are aware of at this time.
7	06 April	Testing for air	Should laboratories	Please provide one price, per test

	2018	permeability of baby carriers	allow for checking the air permeability of the fabric 'cover' or the whole upholstered part that is likely to come into contact with a baby's mouth?	and per sample, that allows for the examination of the most simple fabric/s only.
8	06 April 2018	Testing of structural integrity for baby carriers	Regarding CEN TR 16512:2015 clause 7.2.3 -when a baby carrier is designed to be used in several positions on the carrier's front and back, how many configurations should be tested?	Please provide one price, for testing in one configuration only, per sample.
9	06 April 2018	Design of test methods where none are given	What is meant by <i>'Regarding other types of baby carriers that the participating Market Surveillance Authorities select for sampling, the laboratory will be required to first propose and then undertake a set of tests that fully examines the safety of any products which fall outside the scope of the standards listed'</i> ?	In cases whereby a participating Market Surveillance Authority sends a 'non-traditional' baby carrier for testing (i.e. one that falls outside the scopes given within the tender documentation), PROSAFE will expect the selected laboratory to propose suitable test methods that fully examines the safety of such a baby carrier.
10	09 April 2018	EN 13209-1	Regarding the tests for framed back carriers, clause 6.10 is missing from the tender documents. Is this intentional?	Clause 6.10 will also be examined. Please include a price for this test.
11	09 April 2018	Additional tests to be considered	Generally, if a product selected by a Market Surveillance Authority presents an additional function that requires examination (using test clauses from other standards), shall any additional tests be included within the budget or will the laboratory have to submit a specific offer?	PROSAFE will discuss this on a sample-by-sample basis with the selected laboratory.
12	09 April 2018	Sample quantities	How many samples will be submitted to the laboratory?	It is intended that PROSAFE will supply 60 cots and 100 baby carriers, but this will depend on the sampling process (which hasn't yet

				begun) and the cost of testing these items.
13	12 April 2018	Tender responses	Does the tender deadline apply to email replies or also for hardcopies?	<p>As stated within the call:</p> <p>Quotations shall be sent to the offices of PROSAFE Secretariat in hardcopy (Avenue des Arts/Kunstlaan 41, 2nd floor, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium) and via email to info@prosafe.org.</p> <p>The email shall be copied to the Activity Coordinator, Rebecca Morrison (r.morrison@prosafe.org) and Activity Leader, Sarah Jacques (Sarah.Jacques@economie.fgov.be).</p> <p>Quotations shall be received at PROSAFE no later than 12noon on Friday 13 April 2018 (Time Zone: GMT +2 hours). Quotations received after the deadline will be rejected.</p>
14	12 April 2018	Tender responses	Do the tender documents include a table that the laboratories must use, or should they design their own format?	Responding laboratories must reply using their own format, whilst clearly answering all points raised within the tender documents.