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## Joint Action JAHARP2020-2 - WP3 - Non-refillable helium cylinders

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### Call for Tenders for Testing

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Summary of questions received and answers provided up to 25.05.2022

(rounds of answers - 1<sup>st</sup> publish 20.05.2022; 2<sup>nd</sup> publish 23.05.2022; 3<sup>rd</sup> publish on 25.05.2022; 4<sup>th</sup> publish 02.06.2022)

Ref.	Submission Date	Question	Answer
1	19.05.2022	If the cylinder is equipped with bursting disc is it acceptable to blind it (by welding) before burst test?	The call for tender asks tenderers to propose a feasible test programme that can be carried out with a minimum number of test samples and to quote prices for that programme and for each test included in it. The precise modalities for the execution of particular tests will be discussed during a meeting foreseen by the Call for Tenders between the project group and the selected test body, before the testing is carried out, in order to finalise the test programme. Decisions on such questions will take account of the specifications of EN ISO 11118, of any relevant recommendations of the TPED NBG and of the knowledge and experience of the test body.
2	19.05.2022	Will the cylinders be taken from the market (i.e. filled with helium) or from the manufacturer (empty)?	The test samples will be taken from the market (i.e. from distributors, which may be online sales outlets or physical shops) in the same condition as they are made available to consumers. Consequently, they will be filled with helium.
3	19.05.2022	Will drawings of the cylinders be available?	The market surveillance authorities participating in the Joint Action will request the relevant technical documentation (such as drawings, specifications of materials, thicknesses etc.) from the economic operators concerned, before the testing. Provided the documentation is supplied, it will be communicated to the test body. If the documentation is not supplied in response to the request of the authority, the testing may have to be carried out without access to the documentation.
4	21.05.2022	Our company is located in a country different from the ones of the Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) part of this Joint Action. Does this exclude us from sending our proposal?	The samples of non-refillable helium cylinders will be taken from the market of the countries involved in the Joint Action and transported to the winning test body in order to be tested. This transport will be arranged either by PROSAFE or by the MSA.  Thus, any Body complying with the Qualifying Criteria set out in Section 6 of the call for tender may respond to the call: tenderers are <b>not required</b> to be located in one of the Member States taking part in the

			Joint Action.
5	23.05.2022	In the email sent out on 16.05.2022, the attached document Declaration of honour is empty. How to fill in the document?	The Declaration of honour uploaded on the PROSAFE website is correct and can be used. It seems an error occurred during the email transfer, as the file we attached was also correct and complete. Thus, please use with confidence the file on our relevant JAHARP2020-2 WP3 Tender webpage: <a href="https://prosafa.org/index.php/en/news-events/calls-for-tender?id=796">https://prosafa.org/index.php/en/news-events/calls-for-tender?id=796</a> .
6	25.05.2022	In document "Call of Tenders", point 9. Award criteria is noted "IV.Delivery times". What does "Delivery time" mean?	<b>The meaning of 'delivery time' is given In Section 4 of the Call for tender - Test programme, number of samples, delivery time. Point (c) of Section 4 - Delivery time - requires tenderers to specify the time needed to carry out the testing and deliver the test report for each model of non-refillable helium cylinder, as from receipt of the necessary samples.</b>
7	25.05.2022	Where do time has to be indicated in the tender documentation?	<b>In Section 8 of the Call for tender - Tender documentation - Item (4) is : The proposed test programme, specification of the number of samples required and delivery times, as set out in Section 4.</b> <b>The delivery time is also listed under Item (3) of Appendix 4 to the call for tender - Checklist for contents of the tender.</b> <b>Consequently, the delivery time should be specified in the same document as the proposed test programme and the number of samples required.</b>
8	26.05.2022	What is the min and max. size (diameter and length) of helium cylinders	The MSAs participating in the project have carried out an informal survey of the non-refillable helium cylinders available on the market in each country. The size of the cylinders was noted in terms of volume (water capacity), which ranges from 13.4 to 2.2 litres. However, information about the length and diameter of the cylinders is not currently available.