

Joint Actions on Harmonised Products 2020

JAHARP2020-2 (Grant agreement N° SI2.848980)

Work Package 3: Non-refillable helium cylinders

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Invitation to express interest and to provide information

1 Background

In the framework of Joint Market Surveillance Action JAHARP2020-2, a project co-funded by the European Union and coordinated by PROSAFE, one of the product activities (Work Package 3) concerns non-refillable helium cylinders subject to the Transportable Pressure Equipment Directive 2010/35/EU. The activity involves the Market Surveillance Authorities of Croatia, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Luxembourg and Slovenia.

In the course of the activity, the Market Surveillance Authorities of each participating country will take samples of non-refillable helium cylinders from the market and send them to a common test laboratory in order to verify their safety and compliance with the applicable requirements.

In the coming months, PROSAFE will issue an open Call for Tender for a laboratory to carry out the testing. The Call for tender will be published on the PROSAFE Website¹, and will also be circulated by e-mail to all known European Notified Bodies competent for the product area concerned. The sampling and testing is expected to be carried out during 2022.

PROSAFE is issuing this invitation to all known test laboratories competent in the product area concerned to express their interest in the task and provide information useful for the preparation of the Call for Tender.

2 Objective and Scope

This invitation does not entail any commitment, financial or otherwise, on the part of PROSAFE or of responders: it serves as a non-binding, informal instrument for the purposes of collecting information on the services to be provided and their availability.

It should be stressed that this invitation does not constitute a public procurement procedure in the sense of Directive 2014/24/EU. We do not require bids or proposals. Consequently, information provided in response to this invitation is not of a contractual nature, it will not be used for the selection of test laboratories and it will be treated as confidential.

By responding to this invitation, you simply declare your preliminary interest in working with us in the framework of the project. PROSAFE is not bound to invite, contact or contract only test laboratories responding to this invitation. Responding to the invitation does not automatically mean

¹ <https://www.prosafe.org/>

that you are eligible to be contracted for relevant tasks. This will depend on fulfilment of the requirements and criteria set out in the future Call for Tender. PROSAFE does not check eligibility or any other conditions at this stage, and your response does not entail entitlement to any assignments.

PROSAFE also reserves the right to use or not to use the data obtained in the future Call for Tender and at this stage PROSAFE does not check the eligibility or best value for money of the prices presented.

3 Protection of personal data and confidentiality

This invitation satisfies all conditions ensuring transparency and equal treatment, avoiding disclosure of privileged information and/or privileged market positions that may distort competition.

If processing your expression of interest involves the recording and processing of personal and sensitive data (such as name, address, email, prices, etc.), such data will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on data protection and privacy in the European Union and the European Economic Area. Your reply to this Invitation and any personal or sensitive data provided will be processed by PROSAFE, which also acts as the data controller solely for the purposes indicated in Section 2.

4 Procedure

Please complete Tables A, B and C below and send your response as soon as possible and no later than **1 February 2022**, by e-mail:

to the PROSAFE Office addressed to Mrs Ioana Sandu, Executive Director, at harp2020@prosafe.org and to Mr Ian FRASER, PROSAFE Facilitator, at ianfraser@prosafe.org.

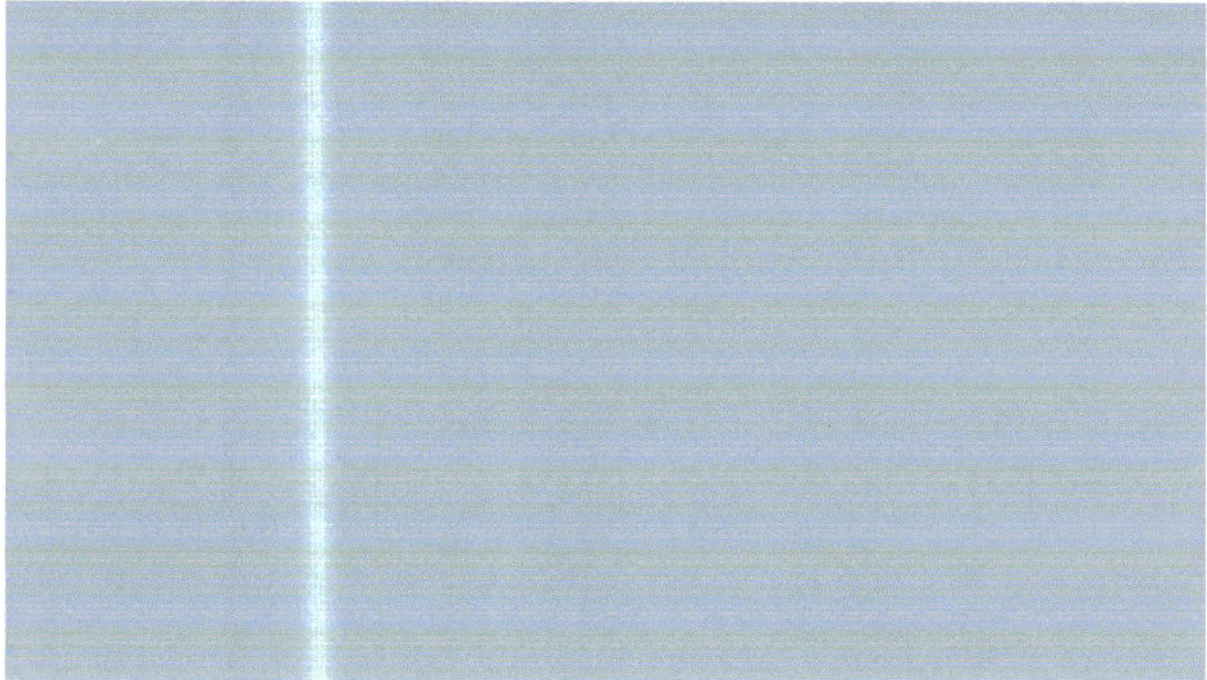
For clarification on any aspect of this invitation, please send an e-mail to the above addresses.

A. Identity of the laboratory

Name of the laboratory		
Address		
NB Number		
Contact person	Name	
	E-mail	
	Telephone	

C. Comments or suggestions

Please provide below any comments or suggestions that might help PROSAFE and the project group in the preparation of the Call for Tender.



With best regards,

Ioana SANDU

Executive Director



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