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Summary of questions received and answers to the Call for Tenders

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Ref	Date	Question	Answer
1	26.04.2023	<p>Following the Call for Tenders and Tender specifications, at Chapter 7 - <i>Financial Proposal Requirements</i>, there it is mentioned:</p> <p><i>‘Testing service’ means the following – so that the costs for support functions are distributed across the articles tested”</i> and along these services it is also mentioned <i>“Organization of transportation of articles from the market surveillance authorities to the test laboratory (the transportation will be invoiced and paid separately)”</i>.</p> <p>In Annex 1 - Test program and Price list there is no mention about the cost of the articles’ transport or how to quote this.</p> <p>Please make a comment if the transport of articles from the market surveillance authorities to the testing laboratory must be organized by the tenderer.</p> <p>If it is the tenderer responsibility, we need more detailed information about the number of deliveries linked to the place of origin and quantities as some countries, i.e., Portugal or Sweden, are at a long distance of delivery and how to quote this service.</p>	<p>The bullet point on transportation reflects that the participants in the Joint Action recognize that transportation of fireworks is difficult because fireworks is considered to be dangerous goods and transportation of it has to be organised by specialist companies employing licensed drivers using approved car under special conditions. Therefore, the Market Surveillance Authorities are considering different models for organizing the transportation, one of the possible models being to have the test laboratories organize the transportation (issuing orders to the Market Surveillance Authorities on what information they have to provide to allow the laboratory to complete the transport papers). The laboratories are asked to provide this information to enable the Market Surveillance Authorities to compare the different models.</p> <p>However, this information is optional. If the laboratory finds it impossible to undertake this task, it may decide not to quote for this service. It should then be mentioned in the laboratory’s reply.</p> <p>At the same time, it is desirable that the laboratory is able to offer this option as it will be considered as an added value at the moment of the evaluation. If the laboratory finds it possible to organize the transportation, the tender should mention test costs with and without transportation to allow a comparison between tenderers. It is permissible to indicate different (transport) costs for transports between the laboratory and Member States in different zones in the EU.</p>