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**From: Procurement Policy Office**

**To : Heads of Public Bodies**

**Procedures for Dealing with Bidding Activities affected by Lockdown**

Public bodies are hereby requested to deal with affected bidding activities by adopting the following procedures immediately after the lockdown decreed by the Government is waived:

- I For bids having the submission date before the start of the lockdown period and with opening date falling within the lockdown period, the opening of bids should be rescheduled and bidders notified accordingly. Wherever applicable, bidders should be requested to extend the validity period of the bid and the bid security.
- II For bids having submission date during the lockdown period, the deadline for submission should be re-scheduled and bidders should be requested to extend the validity period of the bid and the bid security (if applicable) taking into consideration the new deadline for submission.
- III For bids that are still being evaluated or where no award decision has been taken, bidders must be requested to extend the bid validity period by a number of days equal to the duration of the lockdown. Wherever applicable bidders should also be requested to extend the validity of the bid security accordingly.

2. The above procedures will also apply to major contracts with prior approval obtained from the Central Procurement Board.

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***Note:** When undertaking a procurement exercise, please make sure you are using the latest version of the appropriate Standard Bidding Document available on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (<http://ppo.govmu.org>). You may also consult on the site the updated version of the Public Procurement Act and the Regulations made thereunder, as well as circulars issued by the Office.*