

PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE

Directive No. 42

(Issued Pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Procurement Act 2006)

Amended Margins of Preference for Goods in Public Contracts

1. As announced in the Budget Speech 2019-2020, SMEs shall benefit from a Margin of Preference of 30% on its locally manufactured goods bearing the “Made in Moris” certification issued by the Association of Mauritian Manufacturers, subject to the following:
 - (i) The Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) shall continue to apply a margin of preference of 15% for bidders complying with Directive 20 for goods contracts not exceeding Rs 5 million. In the event that any of the bidders is an SME and also holds the “Made in Moris” certification for the goods, a margin of preference of 30% shall be applied instead of 15%. However, where none of the bidders qualify under Directive 20, the RRA shall apply a margin of preference of 30% to any bidder who is an SME and holds the “Made in Moris” certification.
 - (ii) For contracts of goods above Rs 5 million, the RRA shall apply the margin of preference of 30% for SME’s product bearing the “Made in Moris” certification.
2. As a transitional measure, SMEs not holding the “Made in Moris” certification shall continue to benefit from the current margins of preference until 31 March 2020. Directive No. 20 will continue to remain in force.
3. With a view to encourage potential companies to invest in local production of pharmaceuticals as well as medical devices, a bidder shall benefit from a margin of preference of 15% on the said products which satisfy the standards as specified in the bidding documents. The margin of preference shall be valid for a period not exceeding 8 years as from the start date of operation of the manufacturing plant in Mauritius.
4. This Directive shall take effect on 2nd September 2019.

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