

## PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE

### Directive No. 44

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

#### Emergency Procurement to combat COVID-19

To combat the spread of COVID-19 virus in Mauritius, public bodies may resort to emergency procurement to procure goods, works and other services under Section 21 of PPA 2006, which has as objectives to safeguard life, quality of life or environment.

2. This Directive sets the following procedures that public bodies must follow to undertake the emergency procurement:-
  - I. The items to be procured must be for the use of combating the COVID-19 virus;
  - II. The situation of extreme urgency shall be determined by the Accounting Officer of the public body concerned and the scope of the emergency procurement shall as far as possible be limited to the defined period of the emergency;
  - III. Whenever emergency procurement is being invoked by a Public Body in an extreme urgency situation, nothing prevents it from carrying out other normal competitive procurement activities simultaneously, and
  - IV. All proceedings relating to the emergency procurement shall be recorded.
3. Accounting Officers shall keep proper records with respect to the decision to resort to emergency procurement.
4. This Directive takes effect immediately.

**Procurement Policy Office  
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