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To,

The Directors of all National Labs./Institutes of CSIR

F.No13-4/(135)/2021/S&P/Policy

Dated:14.01.2021

**Sub: Floating of Global Tender Enquiry – Prior approval in relaxation of Rule 161 (iv) of GFR 2017**

Madam/ Sir,

Your kind attention is invited to Department of Expenditure OM dated 15.05.2020 on the above subject wherein Rule 161 (iv) of GFR 2017 had been amended with the stipulation that no Global Tender Enquiry should be invited for tenders upto Rs 200 Cr or such limit as may be prescribed by DOE from time to time. It had further provided that where there were special reasons for floating GTE, proposals seeking prior approval for relaxation would have to be put up along with full justification to the Competent Authority viz., Secretary Co-ordination in the Cabinet Secretariat.

The above procedure had resulted in delay in procurement of essential imports, especially the scientific equipment, affecting time bound research projects. DG CSIR had kindly taken up the issue with Principal Scientific Advisor to PM who had in turn taken up the matter with the Government. Consequently, DOE vide its OM dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (copy enclosed) have partially modified the OM dated 15.05.2020 and conveyed that with regard to procurement of specialized equipment required for research purposes and spares and consumables for such equipment upto Rs 200 Cr, for the use of educational and research Institutes, Secretary of the Ministry/ Department concerned shall be the competent authority to approve GTE.

The above OM also states that the Ministries/Departments are free to evolve procedure for evaluation of such cases for issuance of GTEs. Broad guidelines

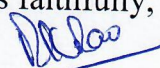


(enclosed with the OM) are required to be used as the broad guidance for devising the procedure for evaluation of such GTE cases. It has further been stipulated that the equipment should be of specialized nature for research purpose and not the routine equipment used in offices.

In pursuance of the above, Secretary DSIR in consultation with FA, DSIR has further decided that Directors of CSIR Labs./Instts. may accord prior approval for floating Global Tender Enquiries (GTE) in relaxation of Rule 161(iv) of GFR as amended vide F.No. 12/17/2019-PPD dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 after following instructions attached with the OM dated 08.01.2021 and furnishing certificates as per para 3 of the said OM by a designated authority (not below the level of Chief Scientist) within the Institute. The copy of such certificates shall be shared with O/o PSA, DPIIT, concerned Administrative Ministry and Stores & Purchase Division of CSIR. Further, the list of all Global Tenders **issued** during a week by the labs./Instts. shall also be emailed as per the format enclosed to [vinaykumar@csir.res.in](mailto:vinaykumar@csir.res.in) and CC to [srcosp@csir.res.in](mailto:srcosp@csir.res.in) & [sridebnanda@csir.res.in](mailto:sridebnanda@csir.res.in) every Monday positively for the week ending previous Sunday for submission to Hon'ble Minister for S&T as desired by him. In case weekly report for a week is not received by the following Monday, it will be presumed that the information for the said week is NIL.

You are, therefore, requested to decide the cases of Global Tenders accordingly and accord prior approval for floating GTE in terms of stipulations of this letter read along with the enclosures.

Yours faithfully,

  
**R. Krishna Rao**  
(Sr. Controller of Stores & Purchase)

**Encls: As above**

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No.F.20/45/2020-PPD  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division

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Room No.512, Lok Nayak Bhawan,  
New Delhi dated the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

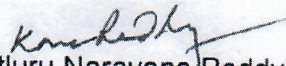
**Subject: Global Tender Enquiry under Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017.**

Attention is invited to this Department's OM No. F.12/17/2019-PPD dated 15.05.2020 regarding amendment in Rule 161(iv) of General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 stipulating that no Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) shall be invited for tenders upto Rs.200 crore or such limit as may be prescribed by the DoE from time to time.

2. In partial modification to the above, it has now been decided that for procurement of specialized equipment required for research purposes, and spares and consumables for such equipments upto Rs. 200 crores for the use of Educational and Research Institutes, Secretary of Ministry/ Department concerned shall be the competent authority to approve issue of GTEs. The equipment should be of specialized nature required for research purpose and not the routine equipment used in offices.

3. Ministries/Departments are free to evolve procedure for evaluation of such cases for issuance of GTEs. Broad guidelines adapted from the D.O. letter dated 14.12.2020 from Principal Scientific Advisor(PSA) are attached herewith, which may be used as broad guidance for devising the procedure for evaluation of such GTE cases.

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary(Expenditure).

  
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**Efforts to locate domestic suppliers**

Educational, Research institutions and other units will make full efforts towards reducing of imports in following manner. This will result in substantial effects both within the institutions and also through impact on the eco-system:

- (i) Identification of equipment being procured time and again from abroad, and help developing them in India by identifying potential manufacturers and providing them technical help and expertise for developing the equipment. This programme will be coordinated by the Empowered Technology Group (constituted by Cabinet and chaired by the PSA)
- (ii) Efforts to promote technology transfer through agreements or to encourage technological collaboration with foreign manufacturing in India at the Start-ups set up in Research Parks.
- (iii) Sharing and updating of information about the availability of research equipment across various Indian Institutes on a single portal (their I-STEM portal has been developed for this purpose) so that those can be utilized by the needy institutes.
- (iv) Without compromising quality, Institutes should indicate alternative/ equivalent technical specifications that could suit their requirement, so that there are more chances of local manufacturers participate in the tendering process.
- (v) Regular Interaction between academia and Indian industry organizations at the level of the institution about the requirement of equipment of foreign origin and for encouraging the domestic manufacturing.
- (vi) Regular requirement of proprietary/ non-proprietary research consumables may be assessed and domestic alternatives are explored for use.
- (vii) A national level programme for indigenous development of scientific equipment be initiated by the Office of PSA.
- (viii) Without compromising quality, Institutes should be flexible with specifications so that domestic manufacturers are encouraged to meet requirements.

**2. Guidelines for resorting to GTE :**

- (i) Market assessment should be done by the concerned institution, as certified by the Head of the Institution. Only after no Indian manufacturer is found, a GTE should be issued.
- (ii) In case no Indian manufacturer/ suppliers are found, procurement may be done, through GTE, subject to compliance of provisions of GFR and requirement of procurement through GeM.



- (iii) DEAN (R&D) or an appropriate authority within the institute will issue certificates as per para 3 below, before inviting GTE. As a reporting matter in the Board of Governors, such certificates should be tabled, and also shared with Office of the PSA, DPIIT and concerned Administrative Ministry.
- (iv) The information about the procurement of equipment should be shared across various Educational and Research Institutes, through the I-STEM portal, already established for this purpose by the PSA's office. This will allow the equipment to be used by other institutions too, for research purposes.
- (v) Analyze the equipment being procured time and again from abroad, and help developing them in India by identifying potential manufacturers and providing them technical assistance and expertise for developing the equipment. Half-Yearly reports on this action to be shared by the Institutes with the Office of the PSA, DPIIT and concerned Administrative Ministry. A national level scheme will also be initiated by the Office of PSA for indigenous development of scientific equipment.
- (vi) Preference to local suppliers over foreign supplier as per the existing GoI guidelines, should be observed as applicable.

### **3. Certificates to be issued**

- (i) Confirmation of non-availability in India of particular equipment/ consumables of foreign origin through Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and other sources;
- (ii) Certification that locally available alternatives with equivalent specifications are not suitable for research purposes;
- (iii) The non-availability of such equipment for research purposes with nearby research institutes or within the institute.
- (vi) Certification of the requirement of proprietary items of foreign origin for research purposes (where applicable).

NAME OF THE LAB./INSTITUTE: \_\_\_\_\_

FORMAT FOR WEEKLY REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO HON'BLE MINISTER OF S&T

LIST OF GLOBAL TENDER ENQUIRIES (GTEs) ISSUED IN THE WEEK ENDING \_\_\_\_\_

Sr. No	Tender No	Tender Date	Brief Description of the item	Estimated Cost (in equivalent INR)	Whether the certificates as per para 3 of the DOE OM dated 08.01.21 issued by CA have been endorsed to o/o PSA, DPIIT, DSIR and S&P Division of CSIR Hqtrs.	Remarks (if any)

(Signature of Sr. COSP/COSP/SPO)

Name:

Designation:

Date: