

CLARIFICATIONS ON THE TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SURGICAL MASKS

Q. As per the attached brochure, we would like to know if you are open to reusable medical face masks for tender KRCS/GFQ11728/2021:

1. These masks can be used 210 times (approximately 6 months which replaces 210 surgical masks per person)
2. They are self-disinfecting and proven to destroy viruses and bacteria including SARS-CoV-2 ([published study](#))
3. The masks are very comfortable with adjustable ear straps and different sizes.

Would we be eligible for other requirements specified?

- Submit (3) samples (50 pieces each in a pack) – **our masks are packed as a single piece**
- Contract /LPO's for the last 3 years – **Livinguard Face Mask commercial importation began late last year**
- All perishable items must have expiry dates of not less than 3 years - **Masks have a shelf life without use of 2 years**

Answer: The tender is strictly for the Medical/Surgical 3 Ply masks refer to the KEBS standard document for specifications. Link is available on the tender document.

Specifications, definitions, penalties and Quality Control rules are attached as annexes on the website.

Masks Surgical Masks (Medical face masks)

- https://www.kebs.org/images/public_notice/2021/May/KS_2636_2021.pdf

Note the new gazetted specifications [KS 2636:2021, Surgical masks - Specification](#)

Q. We would like to seek clarification on face mask straps.

In the attached specifications it's not mentioning clearly whether the face mask should be of elastic straps or tie on straps.

Please clarify.

Answer: Refer to the KEBS standard link on the tender document section 4.2.2

https://www.kebs.org/images/public_notice/2021/May/KS_2636_2021.pdf

Q. I Have tried to locate the documents to tender for the supplies and delivery of surgical masks (MEDICAL FACE MASK) to no avail.

We will appreciate your assistance.

Answer: Please see the link for the subject tender:

https://www.redcross.or.ke/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=%27401

Q. Kindly advise about the below requirement; for those importing the items, we would not have time to get this certification. Also of note is that before the items are shipped into the country they will have to be certified by an appointed KEBS agent that they meet requirements as per KEBS standards

- 1) Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) registration Certificates for the quoted item – *we are requesting that this clause be edited/amended to include ISO standard certificates from the manufacturers will suffice plus PVoC.*

Answer:

ISO certified items must be Pre-Verified for Conformity before delivery. The specifications given are from KEBS and hence, KEBS certification is a must and where it is not available, kindly share the certification from the relevant bureau of standards in the country of origin or a KEBS approved agent e.g., Intertek, Bureau Veritas or SGS whichever is available from the country of origin

- 2) Please confirm if quantity is 111,940 packs of 50pcs/pack thus 5,597,000 pieces or 111,940 pieces and thus 111,940/50 and thus 2,298.8 packs.

	Item	Unit of Measure	QTY	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.	3 – Ply Surgical Masks (Medical) (Packs of 50's each)	Packs	111,940		
	Total Cost in Kenya Shillings - EXCLUSIVE VAT				

Answer: The quantity needed is 111,940 packs (Each pack has 50 pieces each)

Q. We are a Kenyan supplier dealing mainly with medical supplies in both public and private institutions. We are interested in participating in the above mentioned tender advertised on your website. However, we need a clarification on one of the mandatory requirements which seems not very clear as other part of the document communicates otherwise:

Mandatory Requirements

(To be included in the technical proposal envelop)

4) Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) registration Certificates for the quoted item

Labeling Parameters

- Labeling should be legible and in English.
- Each carton to be clearly marked with the name and characteristics of the product and number of units per carton.
- To be imprinted in indelible ink with bold block letters
- Product should be labeled, “GOK/MOH”, Manufacturer's Name and address and Country of Origin, batch no, manufacture and expiry dates
- **Manufacturer must be KEBS/ISO certified or equivalent**
- **Must conform with KEBS/ISO Standards**

Based on the highlighted requirements above:

1. Is the mandatory clause no. 4 applicable in a situation where one imports the goods that are ISO certified and a copy of ISO certificate is provided instead of KEBS?

OR

2. If the clause no. 4 above is mandatory and applicable, does that mean only Kenyan made products should be supplied and how will it apply to International bidders?

Answer:

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