

Hospitality and Catering Services

Definition:

These product group criteria are applicable to all food and beverage items, with the exception of beverages whose containers are redeemable through the Beverage Container Refund Scheme operated locally.

Single Use Plastic products are defined as products made wholly or partly from plastic and that are not conceived, designed or placed on the market to accomplish, within their life span, multiple trips or rotations by being returned to the producer for refill or reused for the same purpose for which these were conceived. Examples of such include (not intended to be an exhaustive list) food containers or any food packaging, cups, cutlery, plates, stirrers, straws, packets & wrappers, beverage containers, their caps and lids.

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1.1	Subject Matter (suggestion on how to draft the tender title)	
	Purchase of food taking into consideration seasonality and minimising waste generation	
1.2	Technical Specification (to be included in the terms of reference / technical specifications)	
	(In cases where the contracted company defines the menus) The main fruit and vegetables used in carrying out the service shall, whenever possible, be selected according to the seasonality of produce.	
	Verification:	The Contractor shall submit a seasonal menu of fruit/vegetables reflecting the local seasonality of fruits and vegetables. This must be submitted for the approval of the Contracting Authority.
	Waste generation In order to reduce waste generation, food and beverages must be served using containers, utensils and related materials such as, but not limited to, cutlery, glassware, crockery, related accessories such as straws, stirrers and the like, and tablecloths which are re-usable. If single consumption of materials/containers is absolutely necessary for hygienic matters, then materials/containers must be biodegradable and/or compostable.	
	Verification:	A signed declaration from the bidder is required to corroborate serving of food using re-usable materials/containers. If single consumption of materials/containers is absolutely necessary, a signed declaration from the manufacturer/producer is to be enclosed to the bid certifying biodegradability or compostability of the materials/containers.
	Waste generated in carrying out any hospitality and catering services shall be collected separately at source in the following fractions of organic, plastic, paper, glass and metal to be sent for recycling.	
	Verification:	Bidder is to enclose a signed declaration specifying the separate collection of waste generated during the provision of the service in the fractions mentioned above. Following award and upon termination of contract, bidders may be asked to produce evidence that such separately collected waste delivered to registered waste management facilities for sustainable waste treatment.
	Plastic packaging is to be compostable/biodegradable/ re-usable. Other sustainable alternatives which do not compromise food hygiene or food safety will also be considered.	
	Verification:	A signed declaration from the manufacturer/producer is to be enclosed to the bid certifying biodegradability or compostability of any materials/containers. If re-usable options are resorted to, bidders shall enclose a signed declaration describing the reusable material/container.
1.3	Award Criteria (to be considered when the BPQR is utilised)	
	Points shall be awarded to tenders where some of the following (either from primary, secondary packaging or both) requirements are met: Primary packaging 1. Reusable packaging systems are provided by the tenderer 2. No single unit packaging shall be provided. When a food product is supplied in a single unit packaging the supplier must explain why this is more adequate than bulk. Secondary packaging 3. Returnable packaging systems are provided by the tenderer (e.g. returnable crates) 4. Food and drinks are supplied with packaging with X % recycled content.	
	Verification:	The tenderer must provide a declaration of compliance indicating which of these criteria is able to be met and how. The contract authority will verify compliance during the contract period.