Vending machines

**Definition:**

These product group criteria are applicable to the following range of products: fruit and vegetables; aquaculture, marine, meat and dairy products; and drinks and beverages.

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| **List of product items:** | |
| **1** | Food |

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| **Food** | | |
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| **1.1** | **Subject Matter (suggestion on how to draft the tender title)** | |
|  | Purchase of (food or a certain food product group) coming at least partially from organic sources. | |
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| **1.2** | **Technical Specification (to be included in the terms of reference / technical specifications)** | |
|  | At least 1% of [**list of specific products, drawn by the Contracting Authority, selected according to the seasonality of produce**] must be organically produced according to Regulation (EC) No 834/2007. | |
|  | **Verification:** | Products carrying the European Community organic label will be deemed to comply. Alternatively, the bidder shall provide the specifications of the products or other written evidence of conformity to demonstrate this criterion is met. |
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|  | (**In cases where the economic operator defines the menus, the below criterion applies**)  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. |
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| **1.3** | **Award Criteria (to be considered when the BPQR is utilised)** | |
|  | **Organic food**  Additional share of products coming from organic sources above the minimum requirement in the specification. | |
|  | **Verification:** | Products carrying a Community or national organic label will be deemed to comply. |
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|  | **Packaging**  Products must be supplied in either of the following means:   * Are supplied in secondary and/or transport packaging with more than 45% recycled content * Are supplied in packaging materials based on renewable raw materials | |
|  | **Verification:** | The supplier must provide a signed declaration indicating which of these criteria it is able to meet. The contracting authority will verify compliance during the contract period, and appropriate penalties will be applied for non-compliance. |