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## CLARIFICATION NOTE #1

**Reference:** ITB/SEC/19/2023

**Subject:** Supply and delivery of PCR research laboratory equipment for veterinary labs in Ukraine

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In accordance with issued **ITB/SEC/19/2023**, the OSCE would like to provide the following clarification to the ITB documents.

**1) LOT 5, Item 1. "Biosafety cabinet class II, 1.2 m".**

**Question:**

*Is the front panel to be lifted automatically or manually?*

**Answer:**

Both options are technically acceptable.

**2) LOT 6, Items 1, 2 and 3. "Autoclaves".**

**Clarification:**

- a) Vertical (30-45 litres) and horizontal (65-70 litres) autoclaves will be used to sterilise utensils and materials, and a vertical (60-70 litres) autoclave will be used to sterilise liquids, instruments and to inactivate and to decontaminate infected material.
- b) The steam generator must be integrated into the autoclave.
- c) Both manual and automatic closing of the autoclave lid is possible, with its mandatory automatic locking.

**3) Covering Letter - ITB/SEC/19/2023 states that "All prices shall be expressed in EUR, USD, GBP or CHF without VAT, as the OSCE is exempt from taxes and duties."**

**Question:**

- *Under what programme or regulation should these goods be imported to be cleared tax-free?*
- *What is the package of documents or references to the legislation of Ukraine for conducting transactions without VAT?*

**Answer:**

Currently, this procurement is not subject to VAT and import duty exemptions. Please indicate the full price in accordance with the "Annex E\_Pricing Format" (which provides for price excluding VAT, VAT Amount, and TOTAL price for each LOT).

Sincerely,

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