

PURSUANT to regulation 9A of the Import Control Regulations 1973 (S.R. 1980/246) the Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry, acting under delegated authority is calling for tenders for the goods specified herein.

#### INTRODUCTION

ROUND 30 of the call for tenders is the second allocation of import licence under the Government's Industry Assistance Reform policy. The first tender was called in November 1984 when Round 19 was issued and a few products were tendered in later rounds.

The first tender was based on the allocation of import licence to a value equivalent to 10 percent of the value of domestic production less an allowance for access under normal licence provision and for the f.o.b. value of exports.

This tender is based on 15 percent of the value of domestic production adjusted for inflation by an increase of 13.7 percent less provision for access and exports. This tender also includes products which were not tendered in Round 19 where existing access exceeded 10 percent of domestic production less exports. These products are being tendered at a value equivalent to 5 percent of the domestic value of production adjusted for inflation by 13.7 percent. The new tariff items being tendered are shown with an asterisk.

#### NEW RULES

In light of experience gained from tenders in Round 19, it has been decided to amend some of the rules of tendering. In summary the following new rules will apply to Round 30 and to all other tenders hereafter unless revoked at some later time:

1. A 10 percent deposit is payable within 14 days of the date of the results letter sent to each bidder. The deposit required is 10 percent of the total successful premiums owing by a bidder in any round of tenders. Payment must be by bank cheque or cash (excluding company or personal cheques) except for amounts of \$100 or less which may be paid by money order.
2. The 10 percent deposit is not refundable except in exceptional circumstances.
3. Representations for bids to be waived because of gross errors must be made and finalised within 14 day period. Successful bidders who do not pay the 10 percent deposit on all successful bids will not be eligible to redeem any bids in that round and will be barred for 2 years from further tendering.
4. Licence not paid for in the 14 day deposit stage will be allocated to unsuccessful bidders and any surplus will be made available as residual licence at the weighted average successful premium for the tender number concerned when adjusted results are determined.
5. The balance of the premium will be payable within 3 months of the date of the results letter. Non-payment will result in the bidder being barred for 2 years from further tendering.
6. Licence not paid for after the 3 month payment date will be made available at the weighted average successful premium struck after the 14 days deposit period.
7. Continuity licence will not be available on residual licence.
8. Where products are designated to move to licence on demand after deposits have been received the following provisions will be made. One licence will be issued. The option will be:
  - either, a licence worth 10 percent of the c.i.f. value of licence won by the bidder in the tender concerned will be issued,
  - or, an amount in units of 10 percent of the c.i.f. value up to the full amount of the licence won will be issued on payment of the proportion of the balance due.
9. If after the 3 month payment date further licence is designated to become licence on demand, a partial refund of up to 90 percent of the premium bid will be made depending on whether the licence has been used to any extent or arrangements similar to those in 8. will be made.

Other changes of an administrative nature are being introduced. These are, however, not changes in procedures so much as a re-wording of the rules. They clarify the wording of the present rules to:

establish that a licence cannot be assigned until paid for in total; state that continuity licence does not relate a balance of licence but to the creation of a new licence entirely; define the responsibility of official assignees, liquidators and receivers in the case of bankruptcy, mergers and take-overs; make more specific the requirements of import documentation; provide for goods re-exported, and for goods which are pillaged.

These amendments to the rules and the clarification of various aspects will be incorporated into a new set of guide notes to be published shortly.

#### MOVEMENT OF GOODS TO LICENCE ON DEMAND

One of the main objectives of these two rounds of tendering is to determine which products should become licence on demand. The results of the tenders in both rounds will be used to see where the average successful bids are 7.5 percent or less. The weighted average percentage will be used to measure all successful bids. Where a product has been tendered in both rounds, the weighted average percentages will be added and divided by two to obtain the overall average.

Where the overall average is 7.5 percent or less, the goods will be designated to move to licence on demand on 1 July 1986.

The overall average will be calculated at two points in time. Firstly, the calculation will be made probably in January by which time under the new rules of tendering successful bidders will have paid their 10 percent deposits. At that stage it should be possible to identify those goods which will definitely become licence on demand in July.

Next, the overall average will be calculated on the remaining goods after the final payment date. At that stage further goods may be designated for movement to licence on demand if the weighted average premium is reduced by some of the premiums not being paid.

#### NOTES

1. Tenderers should refer to the Customs Tariff and to the Import Licensing Schedule for a definitive description of the goods included in this tender.
2. Tenderers should be conversant with the various statutes and regulations which importing enterprises are obliged to comply with.
3. Bids should be entered on bid form T. & I. 335D. They may be sent in one envelope. The envelope must be marked "Import Licence Tender: Round 30" and be sent to The Registrar of Tenders, P.O. Box 3146, Wellington or be delivered by hand to the First Floor of the Bowen State Building, Bowen Street, Wellington. Bids may also be sent by Bureaufax and a delivery fee should be paid.
4. Some new groups have been created while others have been removed through exemption.
5. Some items under this allocation may be tendered in subsequent rounds, rather than in this round.

Tenders close at 5 p.m. on 25 November 1985 and must be with the Registrar by then to be included in the tender. Late bids will not be accepted.