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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: HP03-2026CHM/HP04-2026ONC
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1.	What if the global standard pack is 28 tablets, not 30's?	For contraceptives and hormone replacement therapy, the required pack size is 28's. For other items listed under HP03 or HP04, the applicable pack size is specified in the tender. No conversion factor will be applied to compare offers of 28's versus 30's.
2.	Can expired samples be submitted. In addition, can samples for cold chain products be submitted without it being in cold chain?	Samples do not need to be submitted under cold chain conditions and may be expired; however, they must accurately reflect the product that will be supplied under the contract.
3.	Can the members of the public attend the evaluation meeting?	No, bid evaluation meetings are not open to the public. They are conducted by committees appointed by the relevant Accounting Officer, as they involve confidential, competitive, and legally sensitive processes governed by South Africa's public procurement regulations.
4.	Do we need to create folders in the USB Named Set 2 and Set 3?	Within Set Two, please ensure that folders are included for all the dividers, as outlined in Annexure A.
5.	Is B-BBEE still compulsory, or is share certificate sufficient for these Bids?	<p>B-BBEE is no longer compulsory and is no longer applied as a measurement requirement. Instead, share certificates are used. B-BBEE certificates are not required as part of the bid documents, since contribution levels are no longer used as a measurement tool and do not indicate points or levels.</p> <p>Only share certificates directly related to ownership held by historically disadvantaged individuals, women,</p>

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		persons with disabilities, and, for the RDP goal, South African citizens will be accepted.
6.	It is noticed that the validity period of the tender document is 180 days from the closing date. However, it states that the tender document will be awarded for or will start from the 1st of July. Is	The bid validity period refers to the timeframe within which the tender evaluation and award process must be completed. The NDoH intends to award this contract at least six months, or as early as possible, prior to the contract commencement date. This allows sufficient time for current suppliers who are not re-awarded to phase out their products, and for new suppliers to transition and/or scale up production to ensure the availability of products at the start of the contract. Where a current supplier is also awarded as a future supplier, this approach prevents premature scaling down of production, which could otherwise result in stock-outs.
7.	When looking at the checklist, reference that the general conditions of contract (GCC) should be filed is not mentioned. Is this by accident not included.	<p>It is not specifically listed under the checklist in Annexure A; however, it must be included in the bid pack. The signatures of bidders are required on both the SRCC and the GCC. The NDoH will update the checklist to include this reference in future tenders.</p> <p>To reiterate, Annexure A serves as a guidance document to assist bidders in ensuring that required documents are submitted. The SRCC itself clearly states that the General Conditions of Contract form part of the contract and must therefore be included in the bid pack. Bidders are reminded to read the entire SRCC, rather than relying solely on Annexure A. Annexure A is a tool to help bidders file documents in a structured manner so that the NDoH can efficiently retrieve them during evaluation</p>



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8.	The contract periods of the two different bids differ, is this correct?	<p>Each contract has its own specified period, as outlined in the slides. The current HP03 contract ends on 30 September 2026, with the new contract commencing on 1 October 2026 for a three-year term, concluding on 30 September 2029.</p> <p>The HP04 contract is scheduled to begin on 1 July 2026 and conclude on 31 December 2028. While the current contract was originally a two-year term, it has been extended to two and a half years.</p>
9.	It seems there is a mistake with the dates and periods for HP04-2026ONC.	<p>The NDOH will amend the dates and periods of HP04-2026ONC as displayed on the website from:</p> <p>1 July 2026 to 31 December 2028</p>