

**Queries and answers thereof w.r.t. Expression of Interest for conducting a study on methods suitable for the manufacturing of Electronics goods covered under ITA agreement**

S. No	Page No	Clause of EOI	Clarification required	Clarification
1	4	2-b	Please confirm if MSMEs are exempt from the payment of Bid Security Fee for this Eoi as per GFR 170	Yes, MSME are exempted as per the OM GFR 170
2	7	1-e	<p>“Whether the ITA covers the technicalities prevailing at that time for products or covers all future technicalities”</p> <p>Can you please clarify what is meant by future technicalities. Is expectation to cover technicalities till 2020 or amendments proposed in Customs Tariff in line with HSN 2022 are also required to be covered</p>	<p>The ITA agreement was signed based on HSN 1996, however certain HS lines with description ‘Other’ are also covered under the Agreement.</p> <p>Further, in the attachment B there are products which have general nomenclature. With the technological development, the product is changed but nomenclature is still same.</p> <p>The aim of the study to find out whether only the products/ technologies available at the time of signing of agreement are bound for duty free treatment under the agreement.</p>
3	7	3	<p>“Detailed analysis of import/domestic production of ITA-1 electronic goods and their impact on domestic electronics manufacturing industry”</p> <p>Can you please elaborate what is exactly required on this from us.</p>	It is required to have the trends for import/ domestic production of ITA-1 electronic goods and how the domestic industry has been impacted due to zero duty regime.
4			Evaluation mechanism for the Eoi proposal evaluation – whether it is expected to be Least Cost selection (L1) or Quality and Cost Basis Selection (QCBS). If QCBS, then i) what is the	The selection would be made on L1 basis.

			weightage on the technical and financial parameters and ii) what are the parameters to be considered for purposes of technical evaluation (Clause 6a mentions proposal write up describing strengths, suitability and methodology)	
5			Assessment of interventions undertaken by other countries to reduce imports – Please clarify on number of benchmark locations from effort estimation perspective	Minimum 5 countries to be studied.
6			Could you please provide copy of the contractual terms and conditions that would need to be executed by the successful bidder.	No separate contractual terms and conditions have been notified.
7	Page 7 Para 5(1)(a)	Study of legal text of ITA-1 agreement to clarify the coverage of items (HS codes / description) w.r.t items listed in the Ministerial declaration	What is the list of goods proposed to be covered for the purpose of report. Whether all HS codes referred in the original ITA/ Ministerial declaration needs to be covered or any specific products	The products notified under attachment A and B ( HS codes and descriptions ) under the original ITA/ Ministerial declaration.
8	Page 7 5(1)(d)	Coverage of items under others & exclusive category under original ITA agreement to see what actually was covered at that time (list to be provided with justification/status note)	Please provide more clarity	The ITA agreement was signed based on HSN 1996, however certain HS lines with description 'Other' are also covered under the Agreement.  Further, in the attachment B there are products which have general nomenclature. With the technological development the product is changed but nomenclature is still same.  The aim of the study to find out whether only the

				products/ technologies available at the time of signing of agreement are bound for duty free treatment under the agreement.
9	Page 7 5(1)(e)	Whether the ITA covers the technicalities prevailing at that time for products or all future technicalities.	Whether the said aspect need to be covered for all goods. In order to identify the said aspect, we may need technical literature of respective item. Whether Ministry want us to interview industry stakeholder. Please provide more clarity	The said aspects need to be covered for all the goods covered under the ITA agreement. The bidder may select appropriate methodologies and resources for the accomplishment but supportive documents/ justification need to be provided..
10	Page 7 5(2)	Remedial measures along with the justification for items wherein the bound duty is zero and India has imposed duty, if any	Please clarify if the current 'remedial measures' imposed by India needs to be covered under said scope or additional measures which could be put in place	Additional remedial measures may also be provided in addition to the current measure on items wherein the bound duty is zero and India has imposed duty
11	Page 7 5(3)	Detailed analysis of import/domestic production of ITA-1 electronic goods and their impact on domestic electronics manufacturing industry.	a) Please clarify on the scope coverage for term "electronic goods". Whether the study needs to be undertaken for all such goods or any specified goods b) Please clarify on the relevant period for said study c) Whether Ministry wants us to interview industry stakeholders for said study or obtain data on domestic production from them d) Please clarify whether data for imports can be taken from third-party sources or needs to be Government of India's data? In case of latter, whether the Ministry will provide access to	(a) The scope of coverage is limited to the items covered under the ITA agreement.  (b) The milestone may be selected as 1997,2002,2007, 2012, 2017 to till date.  (c) The bidder may select appropriate methodologies and resources for the accomplishment.  (d) The source of data to be mentioned with evidence, need to be provided. The DGCIS data is available in

			DGCIS data?	public domain. MeitY will not provide any additional data.
12	Page 7 5(4)	Strategy and action plan to promote domestic manufacturing of ITA-1 electronic goods including inter-alia, IT products (personal computers etc.) and telecom equipment	Please clarify what category of goods are to be covered in the study as the clause provides for telecom equipment as well. If yes, please clarify on list of goods	(a) The study should provide clear recommendations on the actions to be taken to promote manufacturing of the items covered under the ITA agreement.
13	Page 7 5(5)	Strategies to curb the import of these items and what have other countries done to address such issues	a) Please specify the list of countries proposed to be covered for said study b) Whether study should include strategies/actions consisting of both quantitative and qualitative barriers for imports	The countries (min 5) which qualify the criteria may be selected by the bidder .  (b) study should include strategies/actions consisting of both quantitative and qualitative barriers for imports
14	Page 6 4(a)	Eligibility criteria - Incorporation	Please let us know if certificate of incorporation issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') would suffice	Yes
15	Page 6 4(b)	Eligibility criteria - Expertise	Please let us know if self declaration in this regard would suffice	Yes, however, documentary proof/justification would be appreciated.
16	Page 7 5	General Questions - Scope of Work	a) Please clarify if there is any specific format to be followed for deliverables or any methodology to be used for the study. b) Please clarify is there any page limit or a word limit for the deliverables. c) Please clarify that for performing the given study, is it required to conduct interviews of industry players	(a) No specific format is prescribed. (b) There is no page limit or word limit. The reference/supplementary documents should also be given. (c) It is upto the bidder how to complete the study.

		or will the study depend only on the information available on public domain.	
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