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ESCALATING PROCUREMENT SCAMS AMID COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT

The current environment of the COVID-19 virus has given rise to opportunistic scammers hoping to make a quick buck from companies who supply goods and services to government. National Treasury wishes to bring these to the attention of suppliers. The Department has, on behalf of government, awarded the following Transversal Contracts* that provide items required to limit or prevent the transmission of COVID-19. It is important for suppliers doing business with government to be aware and careful in responding to fake Requests For Quotations (RFQs) requesting the provision of the items or similar items as listed below. Amongst the items available for organs of the state requiring the items are: gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, etc.

The following items are available on Transversal Contracts as indicated below:

- Face masks and Disposable Aprons are available on RT32-2019
- Safety Goggles and PVC Boots are on RT64-2019
- Gloves are available on RT76-2020
- Sanitizers available on RT296 are only for surfaces and not for application on hands.

For items that are not on Transversal Contracts, National Treasury has already made alternative arrangements to augment the possible shortages in the system.

The onus remains with suppliers to ensure that the RFQs they respond to during this heightened period and beyond are in line with the commodities and services they registered for on the Central Supplier Database (CSD). Further, continue to directly contact the institutions to verify the validity of the RFQ.

Contracts facilitated through the National Treasury for organs of state to procure common goods and services.

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