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**Call for Proposals: “Support to joint enforcement actions”  
SMP-IMA-2021-2-JA-2731-12302**

**Questions & Answers (Q&A)**

**Info session on 11/05/2025, 15:00-16:00, Webex**

**Questions received on 13/05, 16/05, 19/05**

<b>QUESTION 1</b>	
<b>Q1</b>	Regarding the activities eligible for <b>A. Product Testing</b> (page 7 of the Call document), more specifically for the <u>Energy labelling</u> activities, we must exclusively test products according to the Energy Labelling or we could test also other aspects?
<b>A1</b>	<i>With relation to the product testing categories, under the number 1-4, the Call’s wording refers to the Energy labelling of the products mentioned. Only the activities mentioned in the Call are eligible under these Call.</i>
<b>QUESTION 2</b>	
<b>Q2</b>	We understand that, according to the call, the minimum requirements for the proposal are: 1. At least one of the objectives is fulfilled <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objective 1 - Keep non-compliant products from the Single Market</li><li>• Objective 2 - Support the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020</li></ul> 2. It is classed as (at least) one of the type of activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Product testing of one of the eligible products</li><li>• Horizontal actions</li><li>• Joint Activities performed according to Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020</li></ul> 3. And that proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants Does this rule out all testing unless it is one of the eligible products listed? Does It rule out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A “normal” market surveillance joint action for testing of products strictly under one directive/regulation?</li><li>• A joint action with another ADCO/Directive/Regulation where there are different standards for similar products? Different legislations that both require safe products can have harmonised standards with different requirements, for products that are very similar. It would be interesting to test but can be hard to do for MSAs as they can’t reclaim cost for tests from the wrong legislation.</li></ul>
<b>A2</b>	<i>The list of eligible activities mentioned in the Call is the outcome of an EU survey to prioritise the actions in product testing. The input was provided by market surveillance stakeholders (EUPCN members). Hence the Call is not specifying any conditions in relation to the terms of scope for product testing. Applicants have the freedom to submit a proposal according to what the most pressing</i>

	<i>needs are in relation to the product categories listed in the call.</i>				
<b>QUESTION 3</b>					
<b>Q3</b>	Do we need to submit the DoH once it was done so in the context of another award procedure for the Commission less than 1 year ago?				
<b>A3</b>	<p><i>As per the Call text the following is written:</i></p> <p>The person is not required to submit the declaration on exclusion criteria if the same declaration has already been submitted for the purposes of another award procedure of the [Commission][same Agency], provided the situation has not changed, and that the time that has elapsed since the issuing date of the declaration does not exceed one year.</p> <p>In this case, the signatory declares that the person has already provided the same declaration on exclusion criteria for a previous procedure and confirms that there has been no change in its situation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Date of the declaration</th> <th>Full reference to previous procedure and the institution/body that launched it (EC or an Executive Agency)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>In fact, in your situation the declaration on exclusion criteria doesn't need to be submitted again to us. However, legal signatory needs to provide us with another (shorter version) declaration (as per the text in the DoH).</i></p>	Date of the declaration	Full reference to previous procedure and the institution/body that launched it (EC or an Executive Agency)		
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