

Clarification Note #2

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Question #15: It is not entirely clear to us how and whether to offer reconditioned drives at all. In the tender specification 3.2.4.1. and in the answer no. 13, you state that it is possible to offer drives with EAL 2+, DoD 5220.22-M certification, but in the tender specification Section 5.6.1. there is this note *sole exception for HDDs where no category 2 is granted, but FE gets 0.8 points". Does this mean that we should not offer them, or that there will be the same point rating as for the FE category?

Answer #15:

While Sections 3.2.4.2 and 3.2.5 of the Tender Specifications, as well as Answer #13 in Clarification Note 1, confirm that – in case of the supply of the refurbished assets (Category 2) – the contractor shall submit sanitisation standards in the form of certificates (e.g. Common Criteria EAL 2+, DoD 5220.22-M, or equivalent), Section 5.6.1 of the Tender Specifications introduces a specific exception regarding hard drives.

This means that, with regards to hard drives:

- Refurbished hard drives (Category 2) are not accepted for evaluation purposes under the simulation exercise and will not receive technical points, even if sanitised.
- Only new hard drives (Category 1) or Functional Equivalents for hard drives (Category 3), which must be pre-approved by EUSPA, may be offered.
- Functional Equivalents for hard drives are eligible for 0.8 points in the evaluation.