

10. Specifications.-

******(1) The procuring agency shall allow the widest possible competition by defining such specifications that shall not favour any single contractor or supplier nor put others at a disadvantage.

(2) Any terms, specifications, standards, features, characteristics and requirements prescribing the technical or quality characteristics shall be generic in nature and shall not include reference to brand name, model number, catalogue number, name or origin of the country or similar classification.

(3) In case, the procuring agency is convinced that the use of or a reference to a brand name or a catalogue number is essential to complete, an otherwise incomplete specification, and no other sufficiently precise or understandable way of describing the characteristics of the goods, works or services to be procured is provided, the words “or equivalent” shall be used, after recording specific justifications in writing therein. The procuring agency shall be responsible to define the parameters of “equivalence” for all participants to procurement process, to ensure transparency.