

UMED – Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM)

State Project Management Unit

Work Name - Self-life study for SHG Product under PMFME

Clarification to the queries raised by the bidders by email

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1.	The testing parameters are given in a generalised manner. As we understood from the document, Microbiology tests to be conducted for each interval and rest to be conducted at the start and end of the study. Kindly confirm.	No it is necessary to conduct both the test at each interval that is 5 day interval we want to finish work within month by accelerated storage study.
2.	To conduct packaging testing, separate packing material to be provided. No interval is required and it will be one time analysis. Mainly plastic bags/ containers are used for this testing. Kindly confirm	We don't want to conduct shelf life by packaging basis. Actually our product packed in simple container , we will do the packaging testing later on.
3.	Duration of the study need be fixed depending on the food products. Products like pedha, cookies, laddoo etc. has a shorter shelf life under regular packing, whereas products like rice, dal, masala etc has a longer shelf life. Accordingly, the interval need to be decided.	For short term shelf life product interval is like 15 days and for long term it should be 31 days on accelerated storage study basis.
4.	Since honey is a natural product and has anti-microbial properties, no need to conduct shelf-life study for honey. Further, the tests mentioned in the tender document is not applicable for honey except metals and nutritional labelling.	We replace the product from tender. Because we already done chemical analysis of honey.
5.	For the shelf life study the pathogenic bacterial analysis is crucial; if any of the product contains pathogen like E. coli, salmonella etc at 0 day, and then no need to carry out testing for further intervals. In that case a new sample to be provided by you. Kindly conform.	If there is presence of bacteria in sample then it should be contaminated and not good to consume means already expired. It is not possible that sample shows any kind of growth at zero day. You can do

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		the testing properly, still we will give you sample in that case.
6.	If any sample got failed to comply with any of the testing requirement in a particular interval, the study will be stopped. Kindly confirm	Yes definitely we will provide you sample as per requirement.
7.	Sample quantity: Considering 6 frequencies, you need to provide 6 packets of sample having quantity of 250 g and one extra packet (in case of spoilage).	
8.	Reporting time has been mentioned after 1 month of receiving the sample, which is not in line with the interval of shelf life study period. Please confirm	We want report of each interval of testing and study should be accelerated basis so kindly provide us reports at 31 days after submission of samples.
9.	It is our suggestion to segregate the quotation in to 3 parts, a. testing charges/ interval, b. testing charges for nutritional and other tests based on product and c. testing charges for packaging. Kindly confirm	You can provide your quotation as per your suggestion.
10.	It has been confirmed by you that the samples will be collected from CIDCO office.	Yes collect the samples from cidco office at yours end.
11.	We required one clarification from your end, RFQ (pdf attached), for Accelerated Storage Study for Regular intervals as mentioned in your document 0, 15,30,60,90,180 days should we have to consider the Nutritional test parameters (all 13 parameters),Packaging Integrity & Migration testing on all the intervals of the Shelf life study.	Yes, it is necessary to consider all the parameters at each interval but we want report of sample stored at ambient temperature and refrigerated temperature. (Comparative study) Our packaging is not standardized yet but packaging integrity means whatever the sample you received is properly packed or not we want only that line in report. We don't want to do the shelf life study based

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		on packaging material because our packaging material will change in upcoming time as per design and requirement of product.


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