



(MRA/ENE/108/10)

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**FUEL TESTING (LABORATORY) SERVICES FOR
THE MALTA RESOURCES AUTHORITY**

Question 1: In the specifications form, the tenderer is being requested to list Y/N for quoted specifications compliant with requested specification. With reference to Clause 8.4.1, where proven different standards are proposed rather than those listed in the tender document, should the tenderer list Y or N in the specifications form for these?

Answer 1: The tenderer should list Y in the specifications form – however a referenced document must be attached to the tender document showing proof that the different standard offers equivalent or better quality results. It is to be noted that the precision of the test and its range have also to be equivalent or better.

Question 2: With reference to the LIST OF LITERATURE (on page 39) (Reference in Technical Specifications 1.2.11), since the laboratory proposed by the tenderer is foreign, what is to be done with respect to: Item (b) as it refers to MSA Certification, and Item (d) as it refers to NAB Malta Certificate? Should we simply put in the foreign equivalent?

Answer 2: The tender requests the MSA Certification and the National Accreditation Board Malta Certificate on page 39 and clause 1.2.11. The foreign equivalent may be referenced and attached to the Tender Form

Question 3: As regards the International Accreditation body certificate present on pg 39 point (c), is this applicable for local analysis?

Answer 3: If ISO 9001 and ISO 17025 Certificates already state certifying bodies, then this certificate is not required. This Certificate is required only if the Certifying body is not stated on the ISO Certifications.

In case of lab services being provided from abroad for which the Accreditation has been requested as per tender, International Accreditation Certificate of that Laboratory has to be provided.

Question 4: On pg 46 row 1A 8.4.1.1 Reference is made that Sulphur should be by UV?

Answer 4: Although reference is made UV, all methods written in the same row are accepted. It should be noted that the precision of the test and its range should be equivalent or better.

Question 5: Clause 8.4.1.1 states that “Maximum time to forward result is 24 working hours (or 24 hours – working days only). Does this mean, in reality, 3 normal days of 8 working hours each or just 1 normal day? Kindly advise.

Answer 5: The Maximum time to forward the result is 24 hours, i.e. 1 normal working day, not including a Sunday.

Question 6: Clause 8.4.1.2 makes reference to Schedule 2 of L.N. 44 of 2008, stating that “to date the number of parameters currently total to five (5). In reality, Schedule 2 of L.N. 44 of 2008 contains eight (8) tests. Kindly advise.

Answer 6: Please refer to the number of parameters present in the amended L.N. 66 of 2011 available from www.doi.gov.mt. The number of parameters is six.



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In addition to the legal notice amendment on pg 42 lot 2A and lot 2B should refer to the L.N. 66 amendment whenever reference is made to L.N. 44 of 2008.

In addition to the legal notice amendment, clause 8.4.1.2 should read as follows:

8.4.1.2 Lot 2: 2A to 2B – FQMS for EN 590 and for EN 228

- FQMS Diesel EN 590 - according to schedule 2 of L.N. 44 of 2008 as amended by L.N. of 66 of 2011 – to date the number of parameters currently total to six (6). This includes the Sulphur content accredited to ASTM D2622-08 and/or EN ISO 20846 and /or EN ISO 20884 and/or D5453.
 - Six working days for producing and sending results electronically
 - Free of charge storage for a minimum of 90 days
 - Free of charge disposal only after written authorisation by an MRA representative
 - Clear identification of within specification results
 - Highlighted identification of out of specification results

- FQMS Gasoline EN 228 - according to schedule 1 of L.N. 44 of 2008 – to date the number of parameters total to nineteen (19). This includes the Sulphur content accredited to ASTM D2622-08 and/or EN ISO 20845 and /or EN ISO 20884.
 - Six working days for producing and sending results electronically
 - Free of charge storage for a minimum of 90 days
 - Free of charge disposal only after written authorisation by an MRA representative
 - Clear identification of within specification results
 - Highlighted identification of out of specification results