

**Correction slip No.012**

**Sub:-Special Condition for Third-Party Inspection (TPI) Agencies.**

**Ref: Rly Board's letter No.2022/RS(G)/779/8,dtd.04.01.2023.**

In terms of above referred letter, Railway Board has instructed to incorporate **in tender as special condition for Third Party inspection agencies.**

Special condition for inspection will be applicable to all tenders of SECR.

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### SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR TPI AGENCIES

1. Attention of Tenderers/Bidders is invited to IRS conditions of contracts, which are the governing conditions of contract. Particular attention is invited to IRS conditions 0701, 1301 (a), 1301 (b) and 1301 (c), 1302 to 1309, 3400 to 3402.
2. In terms of IRS conditions of contract, following specific provisions shall apply in cases of supply of pre-inspected goods through empanelled TPI agencies:
  - 2.1. Unless otherwise stated in the tender schedule, goods procured are required to be pre-inspected before dispatch by the Third Party Inspection (TPI) Agency appointed by Railways at its sole discretion. The TPI Agency appointed shall be indicated in the Purchase Order. It is agreed that Railway's right to appoint TPI Agency of its choice is absolute. Railway also reserves the right to change the TPI Agency at any time through issue of modification advice against the Purchase Order.
  - 2.2. Online inspection call shall be placed by the Supplier on IREPS after the Goods are ready for inspection.
  - 2.3. In Purchase Orders requiring Stage Inspection, Suppliers shall place online inspection call for a particular stage after achieving readiness required at that stage duly mentioning the stage number. The Inspection for a particular stage shall be initiated only after Inspection has been carried out for all the previous stages, as may be applicable.
  - 2.4. The Third Party Inspection Agency appointed by Railways shall examine the online inspection call and may, within 48 hrs (excluding national holidays), seek additional information, if any, from the Supplier. The Supplier shall within one calendar day (excluding Sundays and national holidays) furnish the required information/documents to the TPI Agency to enable them to register inspection call. In case of incomplete information even after providing opportunity to Supplier to furnish information, the call shall not be registered and Supplier shall be advised of observations through the online system to address the observations and place fresh inspection call. The inspection call may also be rejected by TPI Agency if sufficient time for carrying out the inspection and release of IC before end of delivery period is not available.
  - 2.5. Supplier shall be allowed to withdraw inspection call placed, without any cost, before the inspection call has been registered by the Third-Party Inspection Agency. Once the inspection has been scheduled by the TPI Agency, withdrawal of inspection call shall not be permitted.
  - 2.6. Inspection fee/charges will be paid directly by Railways to Third Party Inspection Agencies.
  - 2.7. However, charges/expenses specifically provided for in IRS Conditions of Contract, particularly in Para 1304, 1305, 1306 and 1400 of IRS conditions of contract, shall be borne by the Supplier.

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2.8. Inspection charges paid or due to be paid by Railways to the TPI Agency shall be recovered from Suppliers in following cases:

2.8.1. In case of rejection of Goods during the pre-despatch inspection (including stage inspection rejection) by Third Party Inspecting Agency, the charges recovered shall be equal to inspection charges payable to inspecting agency as specified in Para 2.8.4 below.

2.8.2. When the Authorized Inspector of Third-Party Inspection Agency, on visit to Supplier premises for inspection, finds that Goods offered are not yet ready for inspection, Inspection call shall be cancelled by Authorized inspector by issuing call cancellation certificate. Similarly, in case of Stage Inspection, when the Authorized Inspector of Third Party Inspection Agency, on visit to Supplier premises for inspection, finds that readiness for Stage Inspection to be conducted has not been achieved, Inspection call shall be cancelled by Authorized inspector by issuing call cancellation certificate for Stage Inspection. The Call Cancellation Charges shall be recovered from Supplier as specified in para 2.8.4 below.

2.8.3. Inspection Certificate revalidation or re-inspection: If the Supplier fails to deliver the pre-inspected Goods as per the terms of the purchase order within the validity period of Inspection Acceptance Certificate, the TPI Agency, on request of Supplier, may, based on the merits of the case, decide to either re-validate the Inspection Acceptance Certificate or re-inspect the Goods against fresh inspection call to be placed by the Supplier. Decision of the TPI agency in this respect shall be binding on the supplier. In such cases, the revalidation or re-inspection charges (as applicable) to be recovered from Supplier shall be as specified in para 2.8.4 below.

2.8.4. To summarize, following charges shall be recovered from Supplier

| Situation  | Charges to be recovered from Supplier (plus GST extra) |
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| At the time of physical visit call is cancelled due to:<br>Goods are not ready for inspection<br>OR<br>Goods, raw materials, components or sub components, as the case may be, are not yet ready for inspection, in cases involving Stage inspection<br>(Call Cancellation through issue of Call Cancellation Certificate) | Y/2, subject to a maximum of Rs 11000/-                |
| Goods, raw materials, components or sub components, as the case may be, rejected in Stage Inspection excluding the final Stage, in cases involving stage   | Y  |

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| inspection   |   |
| Goods rejected in final Stage, in cases involving stage inspection | 2Y  |
| Goods rejected in inspection, in cases without stage inspection    | Y   |
| Inspection Certificate revalidation or re-inspection               | Scenario-1: Rs. 5000 or full inspection charges, whichever is lower for revalidation of inspection certificate.<br><br>Scenario-2: In case re-inspection is done afresh, inspection charges to be recovered from Vendor shall be "Y". |

Where,  $Y = X/100$  of total value of Goods inspected as per Purchase Order,  
Where X is the percentage inspection charges of the concerned PO Value slab for Product Inspection.

3. Applicable inspection charges in percentage of PO value and slab-wise is as under for information of Suppliers:

| PO Value Slab                 | Inspection charges (X) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| From Rs. 5 lakhs upto 1 Cr    | 0.5220 % + GST extra   |
| Above Rs. 1 Cr up to 25 Cr    | 0.116 % + GST extra    |
| Above Rs. 25 Cr up to 100 Cr  | 0.053 % + GST extra    |
| Above Rs. 100 Cr up to 500 Cr | 0.035 % + GST extra    |

**Note-1:** Purchase Order Value for the purpose of calculating the inspection charges shall mean total value of Goods ordered specifically indicated in the Purchase Order as total order value, and includes freight, packing, forwarding, taxes and duties etc. used in arriving at total order value but excludes any components or items not included specifically in calculation of total order value. The inspection charges shall be calculated using Value of Goods Inspected based percentage charges and GST applicable on inspection charges for the corresponding PO Value Slab. For avoidance of doubt and as an illustration, if the PO Value for 100 Nos of Item A is Rs. 50 Lakhs and a lot consisting of 25 nos. is offered for inspection. The inspection charges for the lot being inspected shall be =  $(0.5220/100) \times (25/100) \times 50,00,000 = \text{Rs. 6525 only} + \text{GST Extra}$ .

**Note-2:** For inspection of Goods by Third Party Inspection Agency where Purchase Order value is below Rs. 5 lakh, the inspection charges in such cases will be those applicable for PO valuing Rs. 5 Lakhs.

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**NOTE 3:** For inspection of Goods by Third Party Inspection Agency where Purchase Order value is above Rs 500 Cr, the inspection charges in such cases will be fixed separately by the purchaser subject to maximum of 0.035 % + GST extra

4. When pre-inspected Goods get rejected at consignee end joint inspection will be held as per procedure below. Moreover; in case of rejection of Goods on Joint Inspection, the replacement supply against the rejected lot of Goods shall normally be inspected by the same Third Party Inspection Agency, which inspected and passed the original supply, unless purchaser under special circumstances decides to get the lot inspected by some other inspection agency/consignee and decision of purchaser in this respect shall be binding on supplier.

**5. Procedure for Joint Inspection:**

(i) If Goods, pre-inspected by TPI Agency, gets rejected at consignee end after receipt by consignee, the material rejection advice/rejection memo will be sent by consignee through online system to all concerned i.e. Vendor, TPI Agency, Procuring Entity and Paying Authority and to such others as required.

(ii) Before rejected goods are returned to the supplier, the consignee after or at the time of issue of rejection advice, at his discretion, shall call for a Joint Inspection between consignee, Vendor and TPI Agency. Such Joint Inspection shall be conducted at a place as mentioned in the notice for Joint Inspection.

(iii) The joint inspection is to be carried out by the consignee with the representatives of the inspecting agency

(iv) In case where either the firm or the representative of inspecting authority do not turn up for Joint Inspection, Joint Inspection shall be done with whosoever of the two is available. In case neither firm nor inspection agency attend, consignees' decision to accept or reject such goods shall be final and binding.

(v) A Joint Inspection report shall be signed by the Party(ies) attending the Joint Inspection. Failure to attend Joint Inspection shall not be an excuse to dispute the findings of Joint Inspection.

(vi) Irrespective of the outcome of Joint Inspection, the TPI Agency will not be entitled for any fee or charges, whatsoever, for attending such Joint Inspection. In case of rejection of Goods on Joint Inspection, the TPI Agency shall not be entitled for inspection charges for the quantity of Goods rejected. The inspection charges, if and to the extent already paid, shall be recovered from the TPI Agency.