

Procurement procedure N° EMSA/CPNEG/1/2018

Service contracts for stand-by oil spill recovery vessel(s): East Mediterranean Sea

Questions/Answers

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QUESTION 01: (received on 9 April 2018 at 09.43)

Ref. Enclosure R.1 – Request Specification
Section 3.3 Geographical scope of the service

In this section we read that the area of operation of the vessel(s) is East Mediterranean Sea: covering the coastline of Cyprus. Furthermore, the vessel(s) is requested to be inside the area of operation within an agreed mobilisation time (max. 24 hours) equipped with the pollution response equipment and/or dispersant application system providing the contracted storage capacity and with the necessary crew for performing oil recovery services.

Bearing in mind that EMSA oil pollution response equipment and dispersant stockpile must be stored, maintained and insured on board the vessel(s) and/or in a stockpile located on the coastline of an EU Member State, the Agency is kindly requested to give the following clarifications:

- a. What does the expression “area of operation” mean? And what are the geographical limits of this area?
- b. Can EMSA contracted vessel(s) stay in a home port located in Greece or in Israel?

ANSWER TO QUESTION 01:

a) The area of operation is the area where the EMSA contracted vessel shall primarily carry out oil pollution response services. However, if so requested, the vessel shall assist anywhere within (adjacent) maritime areas of:

- European Union (EU) Member States,
- EU Candidate Countries,
- EU Acceding Countries,
- European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Member States, and
- Any third country sharing a regional sea basin with the EU.

As per point 3.3 of the Request Specifications, the area of operation is the coastline of Cyprus. Consequently, following an advanced notice, within the agreed mobilisation time (max. 24 hours), the EMSA contracted vessel has to be in one of the Cypriot ports equipped, free of cargo and ready to sail to the spill site.

- b) The EMSA contracted vessel can be positioned in any country provided that the vessel fulfils the mobilisation time requirements indicated in point (a) above. In any case, the EMSA oil pollution response equipment and dispersant stockpile must be stored, maintained and insured on board the vessel and/or in a stockpile located in an EU Member State.

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The deadline for submission of the bids of this tender is **19 April 2018**.

Responsibility for monitoring the Agency's website for replies to queries and/or further information remains with potential applicants.