

QUESTIONS, CLARITIES & RESPONSES

RFP 32/2019 - APPOINTMENT OF A SUITABLY QUALIFIED NATIONAL AUCTIONEERING SERVICE PROVIDER TO AUCTION VARIOUS MOVABLE GOODS AT SARS STATE WAREHOUSES

- 1) Can we request more details on what movable assets will be required to sold at auction in these warehouses?
- 2) Will it be movable items such as smalls and customs returns etc, or will it include vehicles and higher value items on a regular basis?

Answer for above

The SARS, Customs and Excise division is entrusted with the duty of facilitating legitimate trade. In the main, the duty entails ensuring that all goods which are intended for import export or transit purposes through South African borders are dealt with in terms of the Customs and Excise Act No. 91 of 1964 and the collection of Value Added Tax (VAT) and Customs duties where it is applicable. Where non-compliance is detected and the importer or exporter is found to have failed to comply with the requirements of the Customs and Excise Act it results in detention and seizure of the goods concern. The goods are then stored at State warehouses across the country.

This means that the type of movable goods that are safely stored in State warehouses for disposal through auction sale consist of anything which Traders import or export through the South African borders. Yes, it includes small items (which are later grouped into lots for the purpose of auctioning) and high value items such as machinery, equipment, vehicles and sometimes trucks. Each and every auction will be different because we deal with variety of goods.

It is important to note that certain goods are prohibited for importation or use in South Africa as it will harm our society or economy therefore SARS will not auction such goods, for example 2nd hand clothing, 2nd import vehicles, contraband cigarettes et cetera.

Q:

We are a group of individual companies; however, we belong to one mother company. We want to know if we can bid individually or if we should bid as one.

A:

SARS cannot dictate how a bidder should respond. A response either in a form of a group or as individual entities is acceptable. The bidder; however, has to declare in the SBD documents that it is responding as an independent bid.