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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Finance (Regulation) Department

From

The Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. All Heads of Departments in
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated, Shimla-171002 the 5th October, 2020

Subject: Use of National Regulations or National Standards or Building Codes
in case of Public Procurement.


Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that Government of India vide its OM No.F.No.12(17)2019-PPD dated 12th May 2020 (copy enclosed) has stated that National Technical Regulations or recognized Standards or Building Codes need to be specified in the Public Procurement, wherever such standards exists, if a procuring entity intends to adopt any other Technical specification, he shall have to record his reasons in writing for doing so .

In the State of Himachal Pradesh, the procurement of Goods and Service is regulated as per the provisions of Chapter-6 of HPFR-2009. The main agency responsible for constructions and Building works in the State is Public Works Department which in general is not following any foreign standards or certification in various works undertaken by them, yet the possibility of adoption of such standards in external^l aided projects can't be ruled out. Therefore, it is reiterated that wherever Indian Technical specification and Quality Certification exists, the procuring entity should prescribe them. In those rare or exceptional cases where, despite the existence of Indian Technical specification, the procuring entity intends to specify foreign Technical Certification and accreditations, it must record its reasons in writing for adoption of such other technical specification.

These instructions may please be brought to the notice of all concerned under you, for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Secretary (Finance) to the
Government of Himachal

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F.No.12/17/2019-PPD
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Public Procurement Division

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 12th May, 2020

Office Memorandum

Subject: Use of National Regulations or National Standards or Building Codes in case of Public Procurement in terms of Rule 144(iii) of GFR 2017.

Attention is invited to the above Rule, which states that the National Technical Regulations or recognized National Standards or Building Codes needs to be specified in the public procurement, wherever such standards exists. The Rule also provides that wherever such standard exists, if a procuring entity intends to adopt any other technical specification, he shall have to record his reasons in writing for doing so.

2. It has come to the notice of this Department that even in cases where Indian Technical specifications exist; the procuring entities specify foreign Quality Certifications and Accreditations. It is reiterated that wherever Indian Technical specifications and Quality Certifications exists, the procuring entity should prescribe them. In those rare or exceptional cases where, despite the existence of Indian technical specifications, the procuring entity intends to specify foreign Technical Certifications and Accreditations, it must record its reasons in writing for adoption of such other technical specifications. Needless to say, this may also be subject to matter of audit.

3. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

12.5.20

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