

## **Supplier Pre-Market Engagement Event Notice**

### **Mapping Product Regulations to Trade and Production Dictionaries**

#### **1. Department for Business and Trade (DBT)**

We are the department for economic growth. We support businesses to invest, grow and export, creating jobs and opportunities across the country.

DBT is a ministerial department, supported by [19 agencies and public bodies](#).

We will:

- advise, support, and promote British businesses wanting to grow and export
- shape our rules to ensure businesses thrive, markets are competitive, and consumers are protected
- open up new markets for businesses by removing barriers and striking trade deals
- secure global investment from businesses and investors
- champion free trade, economic security, and resilient supply chain

#### **2. Description**

The aim of this work is to map consumer product regulations to a number of different trade and production dictionaries.

Specifically, the objectives for this research are to:

- 1) map the products under these regulations to trade and production data dictionaries, such as Harmonised Standard (HS) and Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes (latest editions). These are used to categorise products in trade data, used internationally to identify common or similar products;
- 2) map these regulations across to manufacturing datasets like the ONS ProdCom publication, which uses a different product code structure;
- 3) identify the types of businesses (sectors) most likely to be involved in the manufacture or retail of products captured under the regulations, using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) framework;
- 4) assess whether products that are mapped to regulations, require conformity assessment from a third-party body (known as Approved Bodies or Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)).

We intend to use the outputs from this project for a number of purposes including decision making on sector interventions, support policy developments including the Product Safety Review, and provide an improved evidence base for trade negotiations.

We aim to deliver the project in 2 stages: a pilot stage and a final stage.

#### **3. Aims of the Supplier Pre-Market Engagement Event**

DBT would like to invite potential bidders to a Supplier Pre-Market Engagement Event via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 13:00 – 14:00 via Microsoft Teams. The Supplier engagement will last approximately 60 minutes.

An agenda for the session has been provided below:

Introductions
DBT Commercial
OPSS / TING Background
Project overview (context, aims, objectives, and project timeline)
Suggested project methodology
UKSBS: Procurement process
Discussion and Q&A

This Supplier Pre-Market Engagement Event is aimed at raise awareness of the procurement opportunity and gathering feedback on the project proposal.

The procurement timescales and project timeline will also be discussed, to allow bidders the chance to plan ahead. This will be an opportunity to introduce attendees to the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) RM6126 Research and Insights Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) and ask questions to the Procurement Lead. This Supplier Pre-Market Engagement Event is also a networking opportunity for potential bidders to identify potential consortia partners.

However, by registering and attending you will be engaging in non-competitive dialogue which will enable DBT to develop and assess the market's appetite, concerns, and views on formulation of its requirements. DBT may consider the information and responses received as part of the preliminary market consultant to help inform the specification and further decision making in relation to the planning and conduct of the proposed procurement, ensuring all valid options are considered.

Any information supplied as part of preliminary market consultation shall not place any Supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

Attendance is restricted to 3 individuals per organisation. We would request that attendance is restricted to key members of your organisation that would have a keen interest in this project and be able to add value to the discussions that will take place.

If you believe this will be of interest to you and your organisation, please register your interest by providing the following information to [professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk), marking the email FAO Alexandra Williams and reference our unique reference number PS23185.

- Attendee(s) Name
- Attendee(s) Email Address
- Organisation Name
- Confirm whether you are already a member of the CCS RM6126 Research and Insights DPS

#### **4. Background**

The project detailed here is being recruited as part of The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) Research Programme that was launched in March 2018. This programme provides high quality strategic research to strengthen the evidence base for OPSS policy development, delivery, and enforcement, giving business the confidence to innovate and protect consumers from unsafe products. The wide range of evidence-based research supported by the Research Programme helps to address critical questions relating to current product safety, and/or issues that might arise due to future market developments.

OPSS holds policy and regulatory responsibility for a wide range of non-food consumer products. Many of these regulations are EU-derived under the 'New Approach' framework, now transferred into UK law following EU Exit; while others have always been held domestically.

The Department for Business and Trade also has responsibility for UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) applicable products, and many of the manufactured goods that were set out in Annex 2 of the Northern Ireland Protocol.

This research will produce evidence and support analysis that is essential to enable government to make informed decisions about each of these categories of goods. A number of products will fall within each regulation, and some products may fall within more than one regulation.

## 5. Deliverables

The final research should deliver a comprehensive and definitive list of product codes across a number of different data dictionaries. We will prefer contractors who can complete the requirements using software coding. We expect the successful contractor to submit deliverables including:

- **A spreadsheet(s)** containing a list of each product code mapped across to a regulation and whether products require Approved Body (Conformity Assessment Body) involvement, and
- **A short report** detailing
  - the methods used (including the syntax code),
  - an assessment by the contractor of the confidence in the coverage of each regulation.

## 6. Route to Market

For the avoidance of doubt, this notice is not a Call for Competition. DBT will be utilising the CCS RM6126 Research and Insights DPS for the purposes of this competition. Please note that the route to market will be via CCS RM6126 Research and Insights DPS ([www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6126](http://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6126)) and to bid for this work the lead contractor will need to be registered on the CCS RM6126 Research and Insights DPS prior to the requirement being launched.

Please follow the link below to register as a Supplier on CCS RM6126 Research and Insights DPS; <https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#research>