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The Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA) would like to receive quotations for the testing of 20 samples for Pesticide Multi Residue Analysis which encompass a combination of the following commodities:

- Samples of Table grapes, bananas, grapefruit, aubergines, broccoli, melons, cultivated fungi, sweet/bell peppers, wheat grain, virgin olive oil, bovine fat, chicken eggs, strawberries, tomatoes, cabbages, spinach, beans, carrots, potatoes and processed cereal-based baby food.

This call for quotes is for the Provision of Testing Services for Pesticide Multi-Residue Testing in and on food of plant and animal origin supporting the scope of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/585 concerning a coordinated multiannual control programme of the Union for 2021, 2022 and 2023 to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticides and to assess the consumer exposure to pesticide residues in and on food of plant and animal origin and additional commodities falling under the scope of the national monitoring programme.

The Testing Laboratory whose quotes will be accepted shall be accountable to the MCCAA and shall be expected to take direction and guidance, and to generally work in close collaboration with appointed officials of the Authority.

The successful Laboratory shall:

- be accountable to the MCCAA and shall be expected to work in close collaboration with appointed officials of the MCCAA;
- support accreditation and participate in proficiency tests in line with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the 23rd February 2005 on maximum residue levels in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and Regulation (EC) 2017/625 of the 15th March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products and subsequent amendments thereof;
- Upon completion of testing and confirmation of the test results in line with the provisions of the afore mentioned Regulations, provide signed confirmed results for each sample traceable to the sample of reference elevated by the MCCAA in English. The report shall be forwarded to the MCCAA within 3 working days defining:



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- the results for each defined detected residue;
 - laboratory limit of quantification and/or detection, Reporting limit and MRL reference in line with the aforementioned Regulations for each defined detected residue;
 - method parameters/ codes;
 - date of receipt, date of analysis start and end;
 - internal sample reference traceable to the MCCAA unique sample code;
 - conclusive judgement for the results obtained in line with the aforementioned Regulations for each defined detected residue;
 - image of the sealed sample as a whole with the MCCAA unique sample code visible.
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- The MCCAA will be responsible for the transportation of the samples to the Laboratory premises.
 - The MCCAA may refuse proposals from a non-EU laboratory due to logistic matters which include but are not limited to cross border charges, customs or other charges imposed by non-EU countries.
 - The MCCAA shall also assess the transit time when sending the samples to the Laboratory via courier. If the transit times to the Laboratory (due to the limited logistics in this current period) are excessive and might reflect on the integrity of the sample, the MCCAA has the right to refuse such offer.

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Quotations may be sent via email by not later than **Tuesday 23rd February 2021**. *Quotations after the deadline will not be considered.*

Quotations and technical clarifications should be addressed to **Ms Bernice Azzopardi on bernice.a.azzopardi@mccaa.org.mt while also copying Mr Antoine Ellul on antoine.ellul@mccaa.org.mt.**