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To:
Accounting Officers and Accounting Authorities
(National and Provincial Administrations)

ADVERTISING, PUBLISHING, AND CLOSING OF BIDS OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

1. Public sector supply Chain Management practices must subscribe to a fair, transparent, competitive, and cost-effective system.
2. The festive period commences on 16 December 2022 to 15 January 2023. During this period, many industries are closed. Therefore, advertising, publishing, and/or closing a bid during this period may be considered procedurally unfair.
3. Accounting Officers/Authorities must therefore refrain from advertising, publishing, and/or closing bids during this period.
4. PFMA SCM Instruction Note 3 of 2021/22 on enhancing compliance, transparency, and accountability in supply chain management allows Accounting Officers/Authorities in specific cases to procure the required goods, services, and/or works by “*other means*” if it is impractical to invite competitive bids. However, state organs will not be allowed to do so during the festive period. Accounting Officers/Authorities may only deviate from the competitive bidding process if the case is deemed an emergency or the procurement is a sole source.
5. Please do not hesitate to contact this Office for any further clarity.

Kind Regards,

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