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QUESTION AND ANSWERS

RT66-1-2025: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TACTICAL AND CRIME SCENE EQUIPMENT TO THE STATE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2028

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1	Holsters: Military Products has also advised that the moulded holsters are firearm-specific and requested clarification on the required firearm model/type. Could you please confirm the required firearm model/type for the holster specification?	Yes, although the holster can take up to 18 + type of pistols, the official pistols are being mentioned by name in the Technical Specification, such: Beretta: 92 series, Beretta Z88, Beretta PX4 series., Glock 17 series, Glock 19 Series.
2.	Upon reading the attached newly released specifications we note the following: On page 3 of both specifications Soft Ballistic armour pack is defined as “Complete manufactured units that consists of 21 cut layers of soft ballistic materials (aramid) that are enclosed in a PVC casing.” On page 20 of both specifications at paragraph 6.2 a distinction is made between the make of soft ballistic armour packs and square flat test packs for qualification purposes of soft ballistic textile which are specified in section 10.2” On page 58 to 60 the makeup of the above packs is specified as distinctly different as soft ballistic armour packs (para 10.2.2 & 10.2.3) and square flat test packs (para 10.2.4) On page 75 of the male specification SAPS 323355/25 and page 78 of female specification SAPS 323357/25 the above distinction is not carried through for qualification purposes. The industry established is as follows: Qualification for Male Soft Ballistic Armour Packs:	The <u>soft ballistic pack</u> referred to is the front or rear soft ballistic pack covered by the PVC outer. 1 x unit. The PVC outer’s main function is to protect the soft ballistic Aramid from not getting wet or being damaged and degrading. If tested for ballistic purposes, the PVC cover does not have a real impact on the ballistic stopping function or capability, but only to ensure that the pack is held together and does not bundle up. The main objective of referring to the “soft Ballistic armour pack” is to refer to the unit: soft ballistic pack with PVC cover. BUT, both are specified separately in the spec as to how, where, and what requirements. The square flat packs referred to for qualification are the ballistic pack without the PVC. This is to ensure that whatever the company submitted to the end-user is complying not only with the ballistic side but also:

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	One square flat test pack (not one soft ballistic armour pack- as defined above) to be taken for every 100 vests being manufactured. The spec currently says: A-3.1.2 Soft Ballistic Armour Packs One soft ballistic armour pack shall be taken for every 100 vests being manufactured. The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that enough soft ballistic armour pack for every 100 vests manufactured soft ballistic armour packs and not the outer vests for every lot/batch of material will be accepted. In the event of a failure, the bidder shall provide additional samples from the same lot/batch. If one of the additional samples fails, the bidder shall provide further samples. Should both samples be successful, the lot/batch of material will be accepted. Qualification for Female Soft Ballistic Armour Packs: One square flat test pack (not one soft ballistic armour pack- as defined above) to be taken for every 100 vests being manufactured for aramid batch verification. Two soft ballistic armour packs (after stitching the darts) to be taken for every 100 vests being manufactured for verification of ballistic integrity over bust area after being stitched. The spec currently says: A-3.1.2 Soft Ballistic Armour Packs Front soft ballistic armour pack: One soft ballistic armour pack for every 100 vests manufactured. Back soft ballistic armour pack: One soft ballistic armour pack for every 100 vests manufactured. The appointed bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that the bidder provides samples to represent one front soft ballistic armour pack for every 100 vests manufactured. The bidder shall provide ballistic armour packs and not the outer vests for qualification. In the event of a failure, the bidder shall provide additional samples from the same lot/batch. If one of the additional samples fails, the bidder shall provide further samples. Should both samples be successful, the lot/batch of material will be accepted. We respectfully request that the above be reviewed to ensure that the specifications are consistent throughout all relevant paragraphs and standardised in accordance with the applicable test methodology and established industry practice. This distinction is important from a manufacturing, qualification and costing perspective, as the two pack types serve different purposes and are	- the 21 layers of 280 grams of the same material, - not mixed material, - all the markings are according to the technical specification, and - the stitching is according to the technical specification. Very important: Also, when the pack is shot at, it does not fold up or disintegrate into pieces. Bidders must clearly distinguish between the final BRV assessment of samples and the quality management activities conducted by ARMSCOR, including visual inspections and ballistic (firing) tests



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	constructed differently. It is therefore important that bidders have a clear and consistent understanding of which pack is required at each stage of qualification. Our understanding of this methodology is based on established industry practice and test methods witnessed by ARMSCOR over a period of more than 20 years. This can be independently verified with Armscor QA as well. Please see paragraph C.2 of the attached updated SANS 1658:2025 standard clearly defining the 40cm x 40cm flat test block from the second shooting for stitched fronts. We deem this important to explicitly say in the product specification as well. For the purpose of ballistic qualification, the test set a rectangular shape of 40 cm x 40 cm as a guideline female soft body armour panel shaped with seams We would appreciate clarification and an amendment to the relevant sections of both specifications to ensure that the requirements are aligned throughout.	

Kind regards

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