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DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HEALTH

REQUEST DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO APPROVE THE DEVIATION FROM SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PROCESSES FOR THE QUALITY CONTROL TESTING OF CONDOMS AND LUBRICANTS

PURPOSE

1. To request the Director-General: Health to:
 - 1.1. Grant approval for deviation from the Supply Chain Management (SCM) processes for the quality control testing of condoms and lubricants distributed within the public sector and sign the vetted Service Level Agreement (Annexure A).
 - 1.2. Take note of the directive from the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) (Annexure B).

SUMMARY

2. Currently, public sector condoms are procured through the national tender RT75-2021-2025. These condoms need to be subjected to quality tests at South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) before they can be distributed to the general population. SABS is the sole service provider for quality control testing of condoms and lubricants in South Africa. The National Department of Health formalised a partnership with SABS through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) signed by both parties on an annual basis.

STRATEGIC FOCUS OF THE SUBMISSION (APP AND STRATEGIC PLAN)

3. The overall purpose of the programme is to decrease the burden of disease related to the HIV and TB epidemics; to reduce STI infections, to reduce unplanned pregnancies and to optimise good health for all.
4. The management of the programme will ensure that all efforts by all stakeholders are harnessed to support the overall aim. This includes ensuring that the efforts and resources of Development Partners, funders, academic and research organisations, non-governmental organisations and civil society at large all contribute in a coherent, integrated fashion.

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DISCUSSION

5. Male and female condoms remain the cornerstone of prevention of HIV, unplanned pregnancies and other STIs; and it is critical that the quality assurance (QA) processes are prioritised. Condoms and lubricants are required to be quality assured by a relevant testing authority to ensure compliance with the ISO standards of testing.
6. Currently the quality control tests for condoms and lubricants are conducted by SABS. The partnership between the Department and SABS is usually formalised through the signing of the SLA on an annual basis. As the Cluster was facilitating the signing of the SLA for the 2024/25 fiscal year, the CFO gave a directive that a request for deviation from SCM processes should be sought to approve SABS as a sole service provider (Annexure A).
7. It is against this background that the HIV Cluster is requesting approval to deviate from normal SCM processes and appoint SABS as the sole service provider for the QA of condoms in the country as per directive of the CFO.

RELEVANCE TO THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

8. This submission is contributing towards combating HIV and AIDS and decreasing the burden of disease from Tuberculosis. To achieve "Long and Healthy Life for all South Africans", the focus is prevention through provision of condoms.

CORPORATE SERVICES IMPLICATIONS

9. The benefit to the department is improved effectiveness of health systems which result in improved service delivery in terms of supply of male and female condoms and compatible lubricants.



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FINANCIAL AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10. The number of male and female condoms are shown in tables below displaying the annual targets and batches for Lubricants, Male and Female condoms to be tested for quality by SABS. The financial implications of the quality assurance will come from the national equitable share budget of the condom programme.

	Annual Targets	No of Batches
Male Condoms	700 000 000	2 431
Female condoms	25 000 000	107
Lubricants	20 000 000	100

10.1 The procurement will be funded through HIV/AIDS budget 2024/25.

Allocation Codes	Description	Budget	Expenditure to date	Available Funds
Funds	Voted Funds			
Responsibility	HIV and AIDS			
Objective	HIV and AIDS			
Item	CNS: BUS& ADV SER: QUAL CNTRL INSPE	R15,000,000	R1,567,318	R13,432,642


MR PP MAMOGALE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
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Procure services of SABS as sole provider supported


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RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is recommended that the Director-General of Health:

11.1. Grants approval for deviation from the Supply Chain Management (SCM) processes for the quality control testing of condoms and lubricants distributed within the public sector and sign the attached vetted Service Level Agreement (Annexure A).

11.2. Take note of the directive from the Chief Finance Officer (Annexure B).

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