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**APPENDIX 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND THE OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT****1. Contracting authority**

Finnish Food Safety Authority Evira (hereinafter Evira) started in May 2006. The operation of Evira focuses on ensuring the safety of food, promoting the health and welfare of animals and providing the required preconditions for plant and animal production as well as plant health. Evira is the national reference laboratory for TSE diseases in Finland and responsible for all testing against TSE diseases in the country.

For more information please refer to Evira's web pages [www.evira.fi/en/](http://www.evira.fi/en/)

**2. The Object of the Contract**

The object of the contract is to provide TSE rapid test kits and necessary equipment and software for TSE testing to perform the national TSE testing of cattle, sheep and goats. The tests are performed in Evira's TSE-laboratory, Helsinki, Finland. Evira requests Your tender for TSE-kits and testing equipment for testing cattle, sheep and goats.

The division of Tender into lots or variants and partial tenders shall not be accepted because the contracted items form an inseparable entity for validation and quality control purposes.

Evira selects one (1) supplier and concludes a contract with that supplier.

While precise numbers of samples to be tested in any 12 month period are not known, it is expected that approximately 13 000 tests will be performed yearly equaling approximately 1080 tests per month. The number of samples purchased shall be at Evira's discretion.

Evira reserves the right to amend or terminate the contract that may be awarded on foot of this tender without penalty should there be any change in EU or National Law obviating the need for TSE-testing of cattle and or small ruminants.