

MNFSR DFSC II - PQD for Licensing of Private Companies for the “Procurement, Storage, and Handling of Wheat to Maintain National Wheat Strategic Reserves”

Clarification Questions & Responses

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Question 1: As this is an Interim National Wheat Policy 2025–26, what will be the official completion date of the stockholding cycle for wheat procured under this policy?

Response: The Interim National Wheat Policy 2025–26 is a transitional framework, and the Long-Term National Wheat Policy will be May 2026. Wheat procured under the Interim Policy shall be managed for a full stockholding cycle ending April 30th, 2027.

Question 2: Will wheat stocks be allowed to be sold or released only after completion of the stockholding cycle?

Response: Yes, the stocks will be allowed to release or sold as per terms specified in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Question 3: At what price will the wheat be sold or released (i.e., government-prescribed price or prevailing market price)?

Response: Wheat stocks procured under this policy may be released or sold in accordance with the terms and conditions to be specified in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Question 4: Will there be any time gap before the commencement of fresh procurement for the following year?

Response: Following the completion of a stockholding cycle, a minimum interval of one (1) month shall be observed before the commencement of fresh procurement for the subsequent cycle, unless otherwise directed by the competent authority.

Question 5: Is it permissible to transfer wheat stocks from PASSCO to our godowns located in Ramak, Dera Ismail Khan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)?

Response: The scope of this initiative is primarily focused on the fresh procurement of wheat directly from the market/farmers under the Interim National Wheat Policy 2025–26. Accordingly, the transfer of existing wheat stocks from PASSCO facilities does not fall within the scope of this project. Licensed firms shall be permitted to store freshly procured wheat at any suitable storage facility.

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Question 6: As per point # 05 “Lot Structure and Allocation Framework” of the pre-qualification document, Each successful firm would be required to independently finance, procure, handle, and store the minimum of 10,000 MT allocated to it. please clarify the financial support, payment mechanisms, or risk-sharing arrangements to be provided, particularly with respect to Price fluctuation risk, Stockholding period, Allowable storage losses, timely approval for release of stocks.

Response: Price fluctuation risk is covered under the Interim National Wheat Policy 2025–26. Wheat shall be procured at the notified benchmark price (currently around PKR 3,500 per 40 kg). At the time of release, if the prevailing market price is below the benchmark price, the Government shall bear the price differential loss; if the market price is above the benchmark price, the corresponding upside shall accrue to the Government. This shall be a service-based arrangement under which licensed firms will procure, handle, and store wheat on behalf of the Government, and the Government will pay the agreed service charges and allowable overheads (including applicable financing/capital cost, handling/storage and other related charges). The details will be provided in the RFP.

Question 7: Whether we can apply on behalf of our wholly owned subsidiary, which has a storage capacity of 20,000 MT located in Bhakkar, Punjab?

Response: Yes, an application may be submitted on behalf of a wholly owned subsidiary, provided that the Applicant clearly discloses the ownership structure and demonstrates that it fully meets the eligibility and qualification requirements stipulated in the PQD.

Question 8: Would provincial services sales tax apply?

Response: The successful licensed bidder must confirm with the relevant tax authority whether provincial taxes apply and prepare their financial proposal accordingly during the RFP stage.

Question 9: Who would bear the expense for transportation to the storage facility (farmer or company)?

Response: It will be the responsibility of farmers to transport wheat to the storage facility.

Question 10: PASSCO does deduction for each maund, would this apply and what quantity (grams) per maund?

Response: The details will be provided in the RFP.

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Question 11: Is there any understanding with specific banks to offer subsidised financing?

Response: There are no specific banks to offer subsidised financing.

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