CLARIFICATION NOTE
Tax Treatment of the Maximum Budget

Request for Proposals X159-04-2026
Agency for a Promotion Campaign of Spanish Pork in China

We have reviewed the Request for Proposals document dated 11 June 2026 and note an apparent inconsistency regarding the tax treatment of the stated budget figures.

The summary table on page 1 reads:

"*Max. budget for contract excluding renewals: EUR 330,000 (three hundred and thirty thousand euros), tax included*"
"*Contract value including renewals: EUR 1,650,000 (one million and six hundred fifty thousand euros), Total term + extensions + modifications, tax included*"

Section 4.1 of the same document reads:

"*the maximum budget for the execution of the project will be EUR 330,000.00 [...] Bids will be made in euros, excluding taxes*"
"*Proposals exceeding the maximum available budget of EUR 330,000.00 exclusive of taxes, shall not be considered*"
"*ICEX will evaluate the proposals on the basis of the offered prices, excluding taxes*"

We have detected a material error in the briefing; please kindly take into account the **maximum budget excluding taxes is EUR 272.727,00**.

Page 1 should therefore say:

> *"Max. budget for contract excluding renewals: EUR 272.727,00 (two hundred and seventy two thousand seven hundred twenty seven euros), tax excluded"*
> *"Contract value including renewals: EUR 1,363,365 (one million and three hundred sixty three thousand three hundred sixty five euros), Total term + extensions + modifications, tax excluded"*

And section 4.1. should therefore say:

> "*the maximum budget for the execution of the project will be EUR 272.727,000 [...] Bids will be made in euros, excluding taxes*"
> "*Proposals exceeding the maximum available budget of EUR 272.727,000 exclusive of taxes, shall not be considered*"
> "*ICEX will evaluate the proposals on the basis of the offered prices, excluding taxes*"

Accordingly, the financial solvency required is **409.090,50 EUR** and not 495.000 EUR as indicated in the briefing.

The **evaluation methodology** applied by ICEX when scoring and comparing bids will be based solely on the offers made excluding taxes. Nevertheless, taxes have to be specified separately when presenting the offer.

In regards of these material errors the deadline for the tender will be extended to July 16th, 2026 at 14:00 hours (Beijing time).

In Madrid, on the date of the signature

ICEX's Board of Directors
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