This document describes the main improvements in eTenders functionality for Irish Contracting Authorities, which will be available after the upcoming software release- CTM Release 7.7.8. The detailed release notes will be available at:
http://eTenders.gov.ie/guides/guides_main.aspx-3

1.1.   TED publications

This section applies to the following TED based publication sites in Mercell CTM - TED, Doffin and TenderNed.

1.1.1.   TED validation rule changes

From the 31st of January 2022 TED will enforce changes to a few previously existing validation rules where the severity of the rules has been increased from warning to error, meaning that non-compliant publications would be rejected.

In CTM compliance against these validation rule changes will be checked when a user tries to finalize a TED level publication. In case of non-compliance a validation error will be shown at the top of the form describing which rule caused the error so that a user can amend the relevant part of the form and re-validate.

The following is a list of the specific TED validation rule changes that have an impact in CTM:
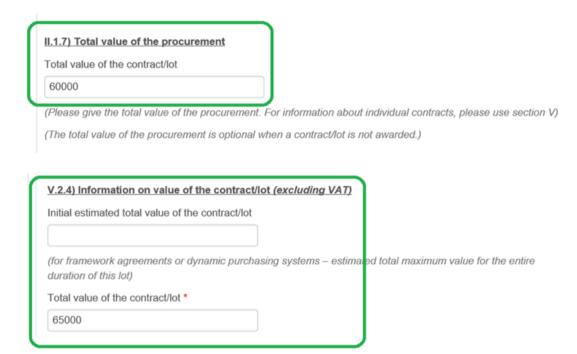
1. The total value of the contract/lot in 'Section V: Award of contract' cannot be higher than the total value of the procurement as indicated in 'Section II'.
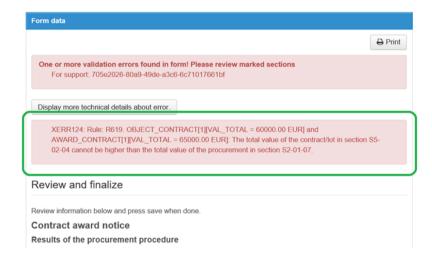   ○ This change applies to award forms

   When a user has entered a 'Total value of the contract/lot' in section V, where the value itself is higher than the value entered in 'Total value of the procurement' in

section II, then upon attempting to finalize the publication a validation error will be shown.

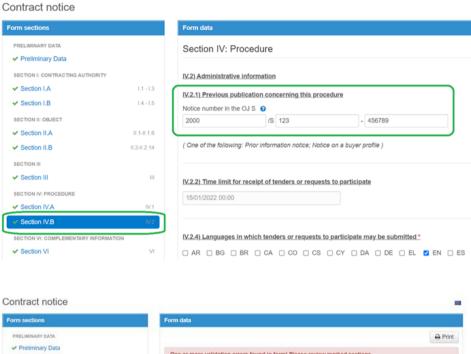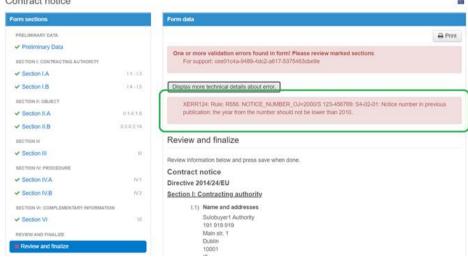**II.1.7) Total value of the procurement**

Total value of the contract/lot

60000

(Please give the total value of the procurement. For information about individual contracts, please use section V)

(The total value of the procurement is optional when a contract/lot is not awarded.)

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot

(for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of this lot)

Total value of the contract/lot *

65000

Form data

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One or more validation errors found in form! Please review marked sections
For support: 705e2026-80a9-49de-a3c6-6c71017661bf

Display more technical details about error.

XERR124: Rule: R619. OBJECT_CONTRACT[1][VAL_TOTAL = 60000.00 EUR] and
AWARD_CONTRACT[1][VAL_TOTAL = 65000.00 EUR]: The total value of the contract/lot in section S5-02-04 cannot be higher than the total value of the procurement in section S2-01-07.

Review and finalize

Review information below and press save when done.

Contract award notice
Results of the procurement procedure

2. When a previous publication has been entered in 'Section IV: Procedure' the year number in the previous publication cannot be lower than 2010.
   o This change applies to all forms, except PINs (F01, F04), Notice of a buyer profile (F08), Design contest notice (F12) and Concession notice (F24)
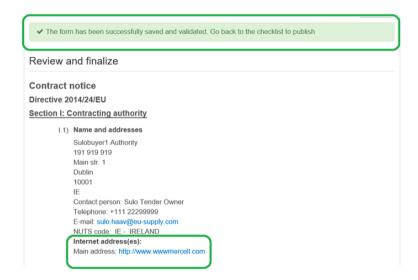
3. The rule which governs all URL fields, like for example the contracting authority website address in 'Section I: Contracting authority' has been modified to allow more than one sequence of three "w" characters.
   ○ Applicable to all forms

When a user enters a website address into a URL field and in the website address there is more than 1 sequence of the letters www, then upon attempting to validate the publication form, no error will be shown.

1.2. Improvements to website accessibility (WCAG)

We have done styling changes to the Ongoing Public tenders page in accordance to WCAG standards.
The changes do not have any effect on the functionality of the public tenders search page itself.
The styling changes that end users might notice area:
● Help icon background color change from yellow to blue to avoid contrast issues
● Removed underline from column headers
● Page numbers and footer text font-color change to black to avoid contrast issues

1.3.   Additional Optional Service for Suppliers

A new link has been added to the supplier Homepage which takes them to the optional Mercell UK BizAlerts service. The Mercell UK BizAlerts service provides suppliers the option to subscribe for BizAlert notification alerts for tenders published on the two UK national eProcurement platforms (Find-a-Tender Service and Contracts Finder) as well as below threshold tenders published by authorities on the UK CTM platform, this additional feature is not part of the free-to-use eTenders service and is a commercial service offering from the Mercell group.

The existing eTenders daily tender alerts for suppliers will not be effected and suppliers will continue to receive these irrespective of whether or not they click on the UK BizAlerts link.

Please see the below example screenshot which will direct suppliers to a dedicated landing page containing further information and the ability to register for a free trial, upon the conclusion of the trial, the Mercell group will offer users availing of the trial service the option to pay a subscription fee to continue to access this additional alerting service. It is important to note that access to this optional service through the eTenders website does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation on behalf of the Office of Government Procurement in relation to this service.

2. Known bugs corrected and support cases updated

Support case	Description
EP-1039	Fixed an issue with process template setting qualified suppliers visible for all. In the copy of a DPS qualification tender the mention setting will remain as configured in the process template.
EDK-9577	Resolved an issue where it was not possible to invite suppliers to step 2 in a DPS Tender that is using the DPS multi lots functionality
	Fixed 'Initial estimated cost' field on tender creation/edit page to only accept digits
EUK-16532	Addressed a database conflict when trying to delete a mini-competition that was created from a framework contract
	Corrected a validation in F18 form section V to make the total final value of contract the only mandatory value field in that section