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1	EUDR reference requirement - At this stage this is not possible as the EUDR Regulation does not come into effect until 30th December 2026 for Large/Med operators and June 30th 2027 for Micro/Small operators. Can you advise how respondents should address this request for reference		At this stage, it is not possible for respondents to provide an EUDR reference number, as the EUDR requirements have not yet come into effect. Instead, respondents should demonstrate the level of preparation and due diligence they have undertaken in anticipation of the regulation. Respondents may provide evidence of their EUDR readiness through relevant policies, procedures, supplier due diligence processes, traceability systems, risk assessment methodologies, governance frameworks, or other measures that have been implemented or are currently being developed to support future compliance. Where an EUDR reference number is not available, respondents should clearly state this and provide details of their current EUDR preparedness, including any actions taken to align with the forthcoming requirements. This approach will allow contracting authorities to assess the respondent's commitment to and progress towards EUDR compliance, while recognising that formal EUDR reference numbers cannot yet be issued.
2	Could you give an indication of the split between Ireland, UK/Northern Ireland, and other trade lanes?	08.09.26	This may vary; however, the distinction is not considered relevant for this tender, as it relates to customs clearance services rather than transportation services. Questions of this nature would be more appropriately addressed during the second stage of the procurement process, when the detailed specification is provided.
3	Could you share some context on the current setup. Is there an incumbent provider today, and what are the main challenges or gaps you're hoping a new partner will address?	08.09.26	Yes, there is an existing incumbent provider. As the current contract is approaching expiry, Irish Rail is undertaking a competitive procurement process. Detailed specifications and service requirements will be provided during the next stage of the competition.
4	Is there a pricing template bidders will be required to complete, or is the pricing structure open to proposal?	08.09.26	There will be a price template in the next phase of the competition.
5	Could you clarify the contract value of €300,000 and the expected contract duration?	08.09.26	The initial contract term will be three years, with the option to extend for up to two additional years on a rolling 12-month basis. The estimated contract value of €300,000 is indicative only and should not be considered as guidance for pricing purposes. Irish Rail seeks to achieve the most cost-effective solution, and the estimate includes the potential addition of

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			CBAM and EUDR-related services, in addition to customs clearance activities. It should also be noted that Irish Rail is progressively transitioning towards a DDP model. As a result, the scope and corresponding value of this contract may change and could potentially decrease over the life of the agreement.
6	Can you please advise if e-Signatures are acceptable for this submission or is it required that we print of the various signature pages, sign and attached as appendices.	07.09.26	Yes, eSignatures are acceptable.

Note : Tenderers should identify questions they consider to be contain a unique selling point or are in their opinion commercially confidential by placing these words “**Commercially Sensitive**” in front of the question. IE shall review this query and if we deem it not to be commercially sensitive we will give you the option to with draw the query before it is answered.