



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

AHL Commodities Exchange Limited (AHCX), Malawi's transparent market platform for commodities, would like to inform the general public that it has been contracted by the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) to procure for delivery 32,000 metric tonnes of white non-GMO maize for the Strategic Grain Reserves (SGR). Delivery locations and volumes for each location will be announced in due course.

PRICING AND QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS

The maize will be procured from both smallholder farmers and traders at a fixed price of K150 per kilogramme including withholding tax from the delivery locations to be advised using the following specifications:

	Description	Specification
1	Type	Non-GMO white
2	Origin	Malawi
3	Production year	2016/17 and 2017/18
4	Moisture content	12.50%
5	Weeviled grain	1%
6	Grain of other colour	2%
7	Extra matter and trash	0.3%
8	Germinated grain	0%
9	Aflatoxin	3ppb
10	Contaminants	None
11	Live insects	None

PACKAGING

The maize will be delivered and stored in warehouses that will be located strategically across the country. Effectively, maize should be delivered in standardised new 50kg polypropylene bags. Suppliers should take note that bags will not be returned to them as the indicated price is inclusive of the cost of bags.

PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

AHCX will use both the open market and bidding systems. Under open market system, farmers will deliver the maize to designated locations through their cooperatives and associations network. Under the bidding system, registered traders will be required to submit written expressions of interest to supply a minimum of 30 metric tonnes and a maximum of 500 metric tonnes.

To ensure that there is independence, fairness, accountability and objectivity, AHCX has engaged the services of an Independent Procurement Committee (IPC) comprising various strategic stakeholders among them Anti Corruption Bureau – Corruption Prevention Department (oversight role only), CISANET (private sector representative), and an independent audit firm to evaluate all submissions and recommend award of contracts.

PAYMENT TERMS

Payments for all delivered maize will be made within 5 working days after delivery through their registered bank accounts. AHCX implements an efficient payment system that guarantees timely payments to suppliers.

SURVEILLANCE

AHCX is a transparent, fair and efficient market platform that accommodates all stakeholders. AHCX is a corruption free zone and remains committed to preventing any form of malpractices in the procurement of the maize. The Exchange has put in place various surveillance and reporting systems to curb any attempts at corruption by any stakeholder. Members of the general public are encouraged to utilize our Tip-Offs Anonymous service in reporting any suspicions of fraud, theft and corruption by calling 847 on TNM, Airtel or Access lines and 80000847 on MTL lines.

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