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Contract

## **FS431024 Evaluation of the rollout and implementation of the Pre-Packed for Direct Sale (PPDS) Requirements which came into effect in October 2021**

The Food Standards Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The Food Standards Agency

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York

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#### **Email**

[fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk](mailto:fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

FS431024 Evaluation of the rollout and implementation of the Pre-Packed for Direct Sale (PPDS) Requirements which came into effect in October 2021

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

On 1 October 2021 new pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS) allergen labelling requirements came into effect in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. This change meant that PPDS foods must be labelled with a full list of ingredients, with allergens<sup>2</sup> emphasised.

We are looking to commission a contractor who can design and deliver a mixed method evaluation of these new requirements. The evaluation should engage three key stakeholder groups to build a holistic picture of the new labelling requirements' effects:

- consumers with food hypersensitivities (FHS consumers), who were the intended beneficiaries of the changes.
- food business operators (FBOs), who are responsible for implementing the changes within their businesses.
- local authorities (LAs), who are responsible for monitoring FBO compliance with food safety regulations, of which PPDS is one part.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £192,673.15

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-018189](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 September 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

IFF Research Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £192,673.15

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Food Standards Agency

YORK

Country

United Kingdom