

Release 12 - What's new

The new Release 12 will be issued in the evening of **September 12, 2016**. The changes made in the new release primarily concern the contracting authorities. There were no major changes for bidders.

Contract-awarding authorities

- **Adaptation to the TED forms (10026):**

Version 2.0.9 of TED (Tenders Electronic Daily), the online version of the “Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union” for public procurement in the EU, includes several major changes regarding the forms for publishing announcements and notices on this platform. Additional information must be entered in the system as a result of these changes:

- The contracting authorities and their administrators must select the main type of activity their organization is engaged in the next time they log into the system.
- The contracting authorities of the cantons and any other entities that perform cantonal functions must additionally select the department/office they are assigned to from a drop-down list.

Changes made to the invitation to tender form:

- an email address must now be entered in the address field of the form,
- the date of the opening of bids must now be specified in open tender procedures,
- the contract duration period and information on whether the contract can be extended must be given,
- contract award criteria must now be specified in the contract award notices,
- besides the languages already available on simap.ch (DE, FR, IT, EN), an additional official EU language may be selected from a list (whereas before any language could have been entered),
- besides notices of invitations to tender and contract awards, tender cancellations and corrections will now also be forwarded to TED.

The changes are necessary because notices of invitations to tender exceeding certain threshold values must also be published in TED, in accordance with Article 12 of the “Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the European Community on certain aspects of government procurement” from 1 June 2002.

- **NPK codes are available (10164):**

In response to numerous requests from companies active in the construction industry, the “NPK” field with the list of official terms has been added. This is an optional field.

- **Appeals and complaints at the federal contracting level (10103):**

The “Legal remedies” field is now available for federal contracting authorities whose invitations to tender do not exceed the given WTO threshold values (WTO=NO).

Subscribers

- **Matches displayed in the corresponding language in the subscriber email (10063):**

The form names “invitation to tender, contract award, correction, cancellation, revocation, preliminary announcements, awarded competitions, competition, summary, selection of participants” are now displayed in the language in which the publication was completed and submitted.

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