

**Agricultural Knowledge Management Unit
ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute
New Delhi-110012**

F.No PAC/Sophos/AKMU/180

Date: 16 Dec, 2024

ICAR-IARI, New Delhi has procured Unified Thread Management (UTM) firewall licences from Sophos (Model XG 430 appliances) in March, 2022 for providing information security functions, such as packet filtering, proxy, intrusion detection and prevention systems, protection against malware, application control, etc., to IARI's LAN and servers at IARI Data Center. The licence for this UTM is going to expire on March, 2025, therefore we have to initiate for procure of the renewal of the licence for next three year from the OEM (Sophos) which is very much essential for security for IARI internet connection from outside world.

The renewal of the license is already an approved item under EFC and this item (UTM firewall equipment) is proprietary item from the Sophos (copy enclosed), therefore, I submitted this proposal to Institute Proprietary Article Certificate committee, for recommendations and providing PAC certificate thereafter so that our internet system could not hamper. Copy of filled form of Proprietary Article Certificate (Annexure 6), Proprietary Certificate from OEM and E-office documents and EFC approval.

As this is a proprietary item with multiple authorized agencies, a PAC certificate may please be provided to start the GEM bid procedure under PAC provision.

Submitted for your kind perusal and approval please


16/12/2024

Dr. Amrender Kumar
Incharge and Pr. Scientist
AKMU, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi


Chairman
(Institute Proprietary Article Certificate committee)


Incharge, AKMU
Approved

20/12/24



Annexure 6: Proprietary Article Certificate
 (Refer Para 4.6.1) Valid for the Current Financial Year

File Number and Date Reference			
1	Description of article	Sophos (License renewal)	
2	Forecast of quantity/annual requirement	License for three years of 2 devices (HA mode)	
3	Approximate estimated value for above quantity	Rs 28 Lakhs/- (approximately) (with GST)	
4	Maker's name and address	Sophos Technologies Private Limited	
5	Name(s) of authorised dealers/stockists	Mentioned in the attached Proforma Invoice	
6	I approve the above purchase on PAC basis and certify that: -Note- Tick to retain only one out of (b), (c-1) or (c-2) whichever is applicable and cross out others. Please do confirm (a) by ticking it – without which PAC certificate will be invalid.		
6(a)	This is the only firm who is manufacturing/stocking this item. AND		YES (copy attached)
6(b)	A similar article is not manufactured/sold by any other firm, which could be used in lieu OR		True
6 (c-1)	No other make/brand will be suitable for following tangible reasons (like OEM/warranty spares): OR		True
	This is a license renewal of an already purchased firewall device (on HA mode) for the protection of IARI LAN and servers from outside attacks		
6(c)	No other make/brand will be suitable for following intangible reasons (if PAC was also given in the last procurement cycle, please also bring out efforts made since then to locate more sources): OR		True
	This is a license renewal of an already purchased firewall device (on HA mode) for the protection of IARI LAN and servers from outside attacks		
7	Reference of concurrence of finance wing to the proposal:	Approved under EFC (copy enclosed)	
History of PAC purchases of this item for past three years may be given below			
Name of the Supplier		Sophos Technologies Private Limited	
Order/Tender Reference & Date	Quantity Ordered	Basic Rate on Order (Rs.)	Adverse Performance Reported if Any
GeM Invoice No: GEM-19237071 GeM Invoice Date: 22-Mar-2022 Sophos XG 430 V18with 03 YR Standard Protection, Web Server Protection & Email, Protection Renewal Only	Two devices required for HA mode	Rs. 1911600.0/	NA

Signature with Date and Designation of the Indenter

Approval of the competent Authority:

Approved by member of Institute Proprietary article certificate committee constituted by Director, IARI vide office order (No. Eoffice No.231084 Dated: 12.05.2023)

SNo	Name	Designation and Division	Status	Signature
1	Dr. P.S. Brahamanand	Project Director, Water Tech. Centre, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Chairman, PAC	<i>Anand</i>
2	Dr. Aundy Kumar	Pr. Scientist, Div., of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Member, PAC	<i>Aundy</i>
3	Dr. Manish Srivastava	Pr. Scientist, Pr. Scientist, Fruit & Hort. Tech., ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Member, PAC	<i>Manish</i>
4	Dr. Zakir Hussain	Pr. Scientist, Division of Veg. Science, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Member, PAC	<i>Zakir</i>
5	Dr. Dinesh Kumar	Pr. Scientist, Pr. Scientist, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Member, PAC	<i>Dinesh</i>

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[Signature]
(Head of Division)

SOPHOS

To,
IT dept,
Agriculture Knowledge Management Unit
LBS Building, IARI, Pusa Campus
New Delhi 110012

Date: 24-Sep-2024

Ref: Renewal of XGS 4300 Appliance

Subject: Proprietary Certificate

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sophos XG and XGS products are proprietary to Sophos Ltd. principal company of Sophos Technologies Private Limited.

Our products allow you to secure every end point of your network, from laptops to virtual desktops and servers, to web and email traffic and mobile devices.

Sophos has been awarded US patent number US 8,984, 620 B2, entitled: Identity and policy-based network security and management system and method. This patent awarded technology is an important feature of Sophos next-generation firewall (NGFW) and unified threat management (UTM) network security appliances.

Sophos OS included in the XG series of UTM products is proprietary to our principal company Sophos Ltd and Sophos Technologies Private Limited is entitled to license it in India.

Please note that Sophos products include Sophos OS and as such incorporate US-origin controlled content that falls under the US Export Administration Regulations (EAR). In regard to this matter all exports/re-exports completed would fall under the extra territorial reach of the US Export Administration Regulations. As such Sophos Ltd and all its subsidiaries have the relevant licensing in place with the US government to permit exports & re-exports of our product portfolio.

This information is accurate as of the date of this letter.

For Sophos Technologies Pvt Ltd

Sunil Rathod

Sunil Rathod [Sep 24, 2024 11:56 GMT+5.5]



A handwritten signature in blue ink.

Director

MANUFACTURER AUTHORISATION CERTIFICATE

Date: 24th September, 2024

To,

**IT dept,
Agriculture Knowledge Management Unit
LBS Building, IARI, Pusa Campus
New Delhi 110012**

Subject: MAF Request for the Bid No : Renewal of XGS 4300 Appliance .

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Sophos group of companies are world leaders in IT Security and data protection for businesses. Sophos offer complete protection and control to business, education and government organizations and provide comprehensive data protection and integrated network security solutions.

Sophos Technologies Pvt. Ltd. having their principal place of business at Sophos House, Near Kalgi X Rasta, Gujarat College Road, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006, Gujarat, India hereby confirm that:

- a) F1 Infotech Pvt Ltd, ED-55C, Pitampura, Delhi - 110088, India, is an official and reseller of Sophos products and services in India.
- b) Sophos will license, provide support and product warranty services to you, for hardware and software obtained through its authorized channels, in accordance with the terms and conditions of its end user license agreement at <https://www.sophos.com/en-us/legal/sophos-end-user-license-agreement.aspx>;
- c) The Company is an independent contractor and has no authority to commit and/or bind Sophos or its affiliates in any way.

This authorization shall be accurate as of the date appearing at the top of this letter. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Sophos Technologies Pvt. Ltd. [rajeev.gupta@sophos.com] M: (+91) 9810067308

Regards,
For, Sophos Technologies Pvt. Ltd.



Rajeev Gupta
Director Sales – India & SAARC

