

Technical Rule no. 12 Rev.01 PAR

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Title	Validity and adequacy checks of offers and allocation requests
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1. Foreword

Article 31, paragraph 31.1 of the Regulation provides that following the submission of purchase offers on each book of the Adriatic LNG segment, GME shall carry out validity and adequacy checks as indicated in the Technical Rules (..).

Article 35, paragraph 35.4 of the Regulation provides that following the submission of the allocation request on the Adriatic LNG segment, GME shall carry out the validity checks within the deadlines indicated in the Technical Rules.

Article 38, paragraph 38.1 of the Regulation provides that following the submission of the purchase offers on each book of the OLT segment relating to the annual and multi-annual capacity allocation, GME shall carry out the validity and adequacy checks as indicated in the Technical Rules (..).

Article 42, paragraph 42.1 of the Regulation provides that, following the submission of purchase offers on each book relating to the capacity during the thermal year on the OLT segment, GME shall carry out the validity and adequacy checks as indicated in the Technical Rules (...)

Article 47, paragraph 47.5 of the Regulation provides that following the submission of the allocation request on the OLT segment, GME shall carry out validity and adequacy checks of the allocation request within the deadlines indicated in the Technical Rules.

2. Validity and adequacy checks of purchase offers on the PAR

2.1 Validity and adequacy checks of purchase offers on the Adriatic LNG segment

2.1.1 *Validity checks of offers*

GME shall carry out validity checks of the offers upon their receipt on the PAR information system, verifying, in accordance with the Regulation, that the participant submitting the offer:

- is not suspended from the PAR
- is on the list of users admitted to the PAR made available by Adriatic LNG to GME;

- the offer has been submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Regulation and includes all the indications established therein.

2.1.2 Adequacy checks of offers

GME shall perform the adequacy checks of the offers in two different moments:

- upon receiving them on the PAR information system;
- at the end of the session for the submission of offers, before determining the results of the session.

In particular, GME:

- at the time of receiving the individual offer during the auction session, shall verify that the number of slots offered does not exceed the maximum number of slots available¹ for purchase by the participant. If such check is successful, the bid/offer is taken over by GME on the PAR and the maximum number of slots available for which the participant can continue to submit offers (i.e. the guarantee still available expressed in numbers of slot) will be reduced by the amount, expressed in slot number, being offered and positively verified. However, if the aforementioned check is negative, the bid/offer will be rejected. In both cases the PAR information system returns to the participant the result of the check of the financial adequacy of the bids/offers submitted;
- at the end of the session, shall once again carry out validity checks and verify, starting from the product with the nearest unloading date and following the descending order of

¹ The maximum number of slots available for purchase by the participant is given by the maximum number of slots that can be purchased indicated by Adriatic LNG to GME, updated after the adequacy checks carried by GME in relation to the offers submitted by the participant during the same session. It is specified that the withdrawal (cancellation) by a participant of a bid/offer already positively verified, shall increase the amount of the guarantee (expressed in slot number) for an amount corresponding to the amount of the withdrawn bid/offer. Similarly, the guarantee shall be increased in the event of a reduction in the amount of an already submitted bid/offer (for example: a participant with a guarantee of 3 slots initially submits a bid/offer for 2 slots and its available guarantee becomes 1 slot. If subsequently, the bid/offer is modified by reducing the amount offered to 1 slot, the available guarantee shall be increased to an amount equal to 2 slots). Finally, if the amount offered is modified to increase the amount, this modification is subjected to a new verification with the available guarantee. For example: if a participant with a guarantee of 1 slot submits a bid/offer for an amount equal to 1 slot, this bid/offer is positively verified and the available guarantee becomes zero. If the participant subsequently tries to increase the amount offered by bringing it to 2 slots, this change shall not be allowed. The offer originally presented for a quantity of 1 slot remains in the system and the available guarantee remains zero.

price and, for the same price, the order in which the bids/offers are submitted, that the total number of slots belonging to the bids/offers submitted (and already verified adequate according to the indications in the previous paragraph) does not exceed the maximum number of slots available for purchase by the participant, indicated by Adriatic LNG to GME, as possibly updated or amended by Adriatic LNG itself; within the closing time of the sitting. With reference to this further verification, the PAR information system shall return the related result to the participant at the end of the session².

2.2 Validity and adequacy checks of the purchase offers on the OLT segment

2.2.1 Validity checks of offers

GME shall carry out validity checks of the offers upon their receipt on the PAR information system, verifying, in accordance with the Regulation, that the participant submitting the offer:

- is not suspended from the PAR
- is on the list of users admitted to the PAR made available by OLT to GME;
- the offer has been submitted in accordance with the procedures established by the Regulation and includes all the indications established therein

2.2.2 Adequacy checks of offers

2.2.2.1 Adequacy checks of offers for allocation capacity during the thermal year

On purchase offers relating to allocation capacity during the thermal year, GME shall carry out adequacy checks of offers in two different moments:

- upon their receipt on the PAR information system;
- at the end of the session for the submission of offers, before determining the results of the session.

In particular, GME:

- upon receipt of the single offer during the auction session, shall verify that the counter-

² In this case, if during the session the regasification company did not modify the information concerning the admitted users and the available guarantees, it shall confirm all the offers received and already positively verified valid and adequate during the session.

value of each offer (calculated as [No. of slots for which an offer is submitted* (Offer price, expressed in €/m3l + ancillary charges expressed in €/m3l)* Slot capacity expressed in m3l] does not exceed the participant's available guarantee³. If the check is successful, the offer shall be taken over by GME on the PAR and the guarantee available for which the participant can continue to submit offers shall be reduced by the counter-value of the offer presented and positively verified. However, if the aforementioned checks has a negative result, the offer shall be rejected. In both cases the PAR information system shall return to the participant the result of the verification of the financial adequacy of the offers submitted;

- at the end of the session, it shall again carry out the validity checks and verify, starting from the product with the nearest unloading date and following the descending order of price and, for the same price, the order in which the offers are submitted, that the counter-value of the offers submitted (and already verified as adequate as indicated in the previous paragraph) does not exceed the amount of the participant's guarantee, indicated by OLT to GME, as possibly updated or amended by OLT within the closing time of the auction. With reference to this further verification, the PAR information system shall return the result to the participant at the end of the session⁴.

³ The participant's available guarantee is given by the amount of the participant's guarantee indicated by OLT to GME, updated after the adequacy checks carried out by GME in relation to the offers submitted by the participant during the same auction session. Please note that the withdrawal (cancellation) by a participant of an offer already positively verified, shall increase the amount of the guarantee (expressed in €) for an amount corresponding to the equivalent value (calculated as no. of slots offered * the offer price, expressed in €/slot) of the withdrawn offer. Similarly, the guarantee shall increase in the event of a reduction in the counter-value of an already submitted offer (for example: a participant with a guarantee of €300 initially submits an offer for a counter-value of € 200 and its available guarantee becomes equal to € 100. If subsequently, the offer is modified by reducing the corresponding counter-value to € 100, the available guarantee shall be increased to € 200). Finally, in the event of a change in an offer that would result in an increase in the counter-value, this change is subject to a new check with respect to the available guarantee. For example, if a participant with a guarantee of € 100 submits an offer for a counter-value of €100, this offer is positively verified and the available guarantee becomes zero. If the participant subsequently tries to modify the offer, by increasing the value to 200 €, this change shall not be allowed. In the system, the offer originally submitted shall remain, and the available guarantee shall remain equal to zero.

⁴ See note 2.

2.2.2.2 Adequacy checks of offers for allocation of annual and multi-annual capacity

GME, on the purchase offers for the allocation of annual and multi-annual capacity shall carry out adequacy checks on the offers at the end of the session for the submission of offers, before defining the outcome of the session.

In particular, GME shall verify that the highest of all countervalues (hereinafter also "maximum countervalue") of the individual purchase proposals of the offer (calculated, each, as [the capacity of the purchase proposal indicated at a given Price level* (Price level⁵ expressed in €/m³liq + ancillary charges expressed in €/m³liq)] does not exceed the participant's available guarantee⁶.

In the event of positive outcome of the check, the offer (i.e. the entire offer including all the individual purchase offers submitted at the different price levels) will be considered by GME in order to define the auction results. On the other hand, in the event of failure of the above check, the offer (i.e. the entire offer including all the individual purchase offers submitted at the different price levels) will be rejected. In both cases, the PAR information system returns to the participant the result of the financial adequacy check of the offers submitted.

3. Validity and adequacy checks of allocation requests on the PAR

3.1 Validity checks of the allocation requests submitted on the Adriatic LNG segment

GME shall carry out the validity checks of the allocation requests upon acquisition of the request on the PAR information system, verifying that the participant is not suspended from the PAR. The PAR information system shall return the result of the validity check of the submitted request to the Participant.

⁵ This shall refer to the price level shown on the order book, where the participant indicated the capacity relating to the purchase proposal.

⁶ The participant's available guarantee is given by the amount of the participant's guarantee indicated by OLT to GME.

3.2 Validity and adequacy checks of the allocation requests submitted on the OLT segment

3.2.1 Validity checks of the allocation requests

GME shall carry out the validity checks of the allocation requests upon acquisition of the request on the PAR information system, verifying that the participant is not suspended from the PAR. The PAR information system shall return to the participant the outcome of the validity check of the submitted request and, in case of positive result, it shall proceed with the subsequent adequacy checks.

3.2.2 Adequacy checks of the allocation requests

GME shall carry out the adequacy checks of the allocation requests upon acquisition of the request on the PAR information system, verifying that the counter-value of the request (calculated as [number of slots subject to request * (the Selling Price, expressed in €/slot, indicated by the OLT + ancillary charges expressed in €/m³) * Slot capacity expressed in m³]) never exceeds the participant's available guarantee indicated by OLT to GME. If the check is successful, the PAR information system shall return to the participant the confirmation of the allocation of the capacity allocated, in *first as first served* modality, being requested.