

**United Kingdom-Reading: Library books**  
**OJ S 5/2022 07/01/2022**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

National registration number: 111357

Postal address: Reading Enterprise Centre, The University of Reading, Whiteknights Road, Earley Gate

Town: Reading

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**I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

Books, e-books, e-textbooks and associated services

Reference number: LIB4044 SU

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

22113000 Library books

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4. Short description**

Framework Agreement for the supply of Books, e-books, e-textbooks, and associated services. This tender is split into 11 Lots and Sub-lots.

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

This contract is divided into lots: yes

#### **II.1.7. Total value of the procurement**

Value excluding VAT: 360 000 000,00 GBP

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.1. Title**

English language print books for library stock  
Lot No: 1

#### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

22110000 Printed books

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

Print books primarily in UK languages to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELP, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 10  
Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5  
Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 25  
Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 20  
Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10  
Price - Weighting: 30

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

Options: yes  
Description of options:  
SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes  
Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

### **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.1. Title**

Print books published in foreign languages or in countries where English is not the first language, for library stock

Lot No: 2

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

22110000 Printed books

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

Print books primarily in non-UK languages (or from countries where English is not the first language) to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELP, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 25

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

#### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

Standing Orders

Lot No: 3

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

22110000 Printed books

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

Print and electronic Standing Order books supplied to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELFF, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 35

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

##### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

Individual title, DDA or package purchase for access on aggregator's own platform, primarily UK languages

Lot No: 4.1

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

64216200 Electronic information services

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

E-books (title, package, or DDA level) on an aggregator platform primarily in UK languages to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELFF, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

#### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

Individual title, package or EBA purchase for access on a third-party platform  
Lot No: 4.2

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

64216200 Electronic information services

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

E-books (title, package, or EBA level) purchased via an aggregator but made available via a third-party platform, to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELFF, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 35

### **II.2.11.**

## **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

#### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

Multi-publisher EBA for access via aggregator's own platform

Lot No: 4.3

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

64216200 Electronic information services

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

E-books via multi-publisher EBA schemes delivered via an aggregator platform, to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELFF, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 35

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

## **II.2.14. Additional information**

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.1. Title**

Subscriptions for library access  
Lot No: 4.4

#### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

64216200 Electronic information services

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

E-books supplied on an annual subscription basis to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELFB, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 10  
Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5  
Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 15  
Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 25  
Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10  
Price - Weighting: 35

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

Options: yes  
Description of options:  
SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes  
Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

## **II.2.14. Additional information**

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.1. Title**

Individual title, DDA or package purchase for access on aggregator's own platform, primarily non-UK language

Lot No: 4.5

**II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

64216200 Electronic information services

**II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

E-books (title, package, or DDA level) on an aggregator platform primarily in non-UK languages to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELFL, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

**II.2.5. Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

**II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

**II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

**II.2.14. Additional information**

**II.2. Description**

**II.2.1. Title**

E-textbook access, usually priced by specified number of core users and delivered via an e-textbook platform

Lot No: 5

**II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

64216200 Electronic information services

**II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

E-textbook access, usually priced by number of core users and delivered via an e-textbook platform, supplied to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELFF, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

##### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

English language print books for institution department purchase (primarily non-library)

Lot No: 6

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

22100000 Printed books, brochures and leaflets

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

Print books primarily in UK languages for departmental purchase to participating consortia members. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELFF, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 10  
Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 5  
Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 25  
Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 20  
Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10  
Price - Weighting: 30

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

##### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

Sales to individuals – staff and students (print or electronic)

Lot No: 7

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

22100000 Printed books, brochures and leaflets, 64216200 Electronic information services

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations across the UK

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

Sale of print books and/or e-books direct to individual students, staff, and alumni to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELP, and Academic Libraries North. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015

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

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Range of Service / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Service Support / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation and Technical Merit / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Options: yes

Description of options:

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 2 years initially, with options to extend the initial 2 years by up to 2 further years.

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK. It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) and potentially other research bodies.

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

##### **IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

##### **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 in the OJ S: [2021/S 126-335498](#)

##### **IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system**

##### **IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

### **Section V: Award of contract**

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**Lot No: 1**

**Title:**

English language print books for library stock

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

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

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

04/01/2022

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

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

Official name: Blackwell UK Ltd

National registration number: 00796591

Postal address: 50 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BQ

Town: Oxford

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: OX1 3BQ

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.blackwells.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

National registration number: 1607961

Postal address: 5 Melton Enterprise Park, Redcliff Road, Melton, East Yorkshire, HU14 3RS

Town: Melton

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: HU14 3RS

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: EBSCO International Inc

National registration number: FC 16134

Postal address: 6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA

Town: Enfield

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: EN1 3XA

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.ebsco.com>

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: ProQuest LLC

National registration number: 39-2053855

Postal address: 789 E. Eisenhower Parkway P.O. Box 1346 Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1346

Town: Ann Arbor

NUTS code: US United States

Postal code: 48106-1346

Country: United States

Internet address: <http://about.proquest.com>

The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 70 000 000,00 GBP

Total value of the contract/lot: 70 000 000,00 GBP

## V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

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**Lot No: 2**

**Title:**

Print books published in foreign languages or in countries where English is not the first language, for library stock

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

## V.2. Award of contract

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

04/01/2022

### V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

Official name: Blackwell UK Ltd

National registration number: 00796591

Postal address: 50 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BQ

Town: Oxford

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: OX1 3BQ

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.blackwell.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

National registration number: 1607961

Postal address: 5 Melton Enterprise Park, Redcliff Road, Melton, East Yorkshire, HU14 3RS

Town: Melton

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: HU14 3RS

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: Casalini Libri SpA

National registration number: 309587

Postal address: Via Benedetto da Maiano 3, 50014 Fiesole (FI), Italy

Town: Fiesole

NUTS code: IT Italia  
Postal code: 50014  
Country: Italy  
Internet address: <http://www.casalini.it>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: EBSCO International Inc  
National registration number: FC 16134  
Postal address: 6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA  
Town: Enfield  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: EN1 3XA  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://www.ebsco.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: Erasmus Antiquariaat en Boekhandel BV  
National registration number: 33044879  
Postal address: Veemarkt 207, 1019 CJ Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Town: Amsterdam  
NUTS code: NL Nederland  
Postal code: 1019 CJ  
Country: Netherlands  
Internet address: <http://www.erasmusbooks.nl>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: Houtschild International Booksellers  
National registration number: 27106535  
Postal address: Sir Winston Churchillaan 281, 2288DA Rijswijk, Netherlands  
Town: Rijswijk  
NUTS code: NL Nederland  
Postal code: 2288 DA  
Country: Netherlands  
Internet address: <http://www.houtschild.com>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: Otto Harrassowitz GmbH & Co. KG  
National registration number: HRA1056  
Postal address: Kreuzberger Ring 7c-d, 65205 Wiesbaden, Germany  
Town: Wiesbaden  
NUTS code: DE Deutschland  
Postal code: 65205  
Country: Germany  
Internet address: <https://www.harrassowitz.de>  
The contractor is an SME: no

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

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Town: Ann Arbor  
NUTS code: US United States  
Postal code: 48106  
Country: United States  
Internet address: <http://about.proquest.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 5 000 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 5 000 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

**Section V: Award of contract**

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**Lot No: 3**

**Title:**

Standing Orders

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2. Award of contract**

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

04/01/2022

**V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

National registration number: 1607961

Postal address: 5 Melton Enterprise Park, Redcliff Road, Melton, East Yorkshire, HU14 3RS

Town: Melton

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: HU14 3RS

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: EBSCO International Inc

National registration number: FC 16134

Postal address: 6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA

Town: Enfield

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: EN1 3XA  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://www.ebsco.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: ProQuest LLC  
National registration number: 39-2053855  
Postal address: 789 E. Eisenhower Parkway P.O. Box 1346 Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1346  
Town: Ann Arbor  
NUTS code: US United States  
Postal code: 48106-1346  
Country: United States  
Internet address: <http://about.proquest.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 5 000 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 5 000 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

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**Lot No: 4.1**

**Title:**

Individual title, DDA or package purchase for access on aggregator's own platform, primarily UK languages

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2. Award of contract**

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

04/01/2022

**V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6  
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3  
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0  
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6  
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6  
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

Official name: BibliU Ltd  
National registration number: 09334024  
Postal address: 237 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9NJ  
Town: London  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: N1 9NJ

Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://bibliu.com>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books  
National registration number: 1607961  
Postal address: 5 Melton Enterprise Park, Redcliff Road, Melton, East Yorkshire, HU14 3RS  
Town: Melton  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: HU14 3RS  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

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National registration number: FC 16134  
Postal address: 6th Floor Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA  
Town: Enfield  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: EN1 3XA  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://www.ebsco.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: Kortext Limited  
National registration number: 08617088  
Postal address: Avalon, 26-32 Oxford Road, Bournemouth Dorset BH8 8EZ  
Town: Bournemouth  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: BH8 8EZ  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://www.kortext.com>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

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Town: Ann Arbor  
NUTS code: US United States  
Postal code: 48106-1346  
Country: United States  
Internet address: <http://about.proquest.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 100 000 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 100 000 000,00 GBP

## V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

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**Lot No: 4.2**

**Title:**

Individual title, package or EBA purchase for access on a third-party platform

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

## V.2. Award of contract

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

04/01/2022

### V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

Official name: BibliU Ltd

National registration number: 09334024

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Town: London

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: N1 9NJ

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://bibliu.com>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

National registration number: 1607961

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Town: Melton

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: HU14 3RS

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

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Town: Enfield

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Postal code: EN1 3XA

Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://www.ebsco.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

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

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Town: Ann Arbor  
NUTS code: US United States  
Postal code: 48106-1346  
Country: United States  
Internet address: <https://about.proquest.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 35 000 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 35 000 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

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**Lot No: 4.3**

**Title:**

Multi-publisher EBA for access via aggregator's own platform

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2. Award of contract**

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

04/01/2022

**V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4  
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2  
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0  
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4  
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4  
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

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National registration number: 09334024  
Postal address: 237 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9NJ  
Town: London  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: N1 9NJ  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://bibliu.com>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books  
National registration number: 1607961  
Postal address: 5 Melton Enterprise Park, Redcliff Road, Melton, East Yorkshire, HU14 3RS  
Town: Melton  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: HU14 3RS  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: Ithaka Harbors d/b/a "JSTOR"  
National registration number: TIN#13-3857105  
Postal address: 101 Greenwich Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10006  
Town: New York  
NUTS code: US United States  
Postal code: 10006  
Country: United States  
Internet address: <http://www.jstor.org>  
The contractor is an SME: no

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

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National registration number: 39-2053855  
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Town: Ann Arbor  
NUTS code: US United States  
Postal code: 48106-1346  
Country: United States  
Internet address: <http://about.proquest.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 7 000 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 7 000 000,00 GBP

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**Lot No: 4.4**

**Title:**

Subscriptions for library access

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2. Award of contract****V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

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**V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

Official name: BibliU Ltd

National registration number: 09334024

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Town: London

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: N1 9NJ

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://bibliu.com>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

National registration number: 1607961

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Town: Melton

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: HU14 3RS

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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Town: Enfield

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: EN1 3XA

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.ebsco.com>

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: Kortext Limited

National registration number: 08617088

Postal address: Avalon, 26-32 Oxford Road, Bournemouth Dorset BH8 8EZ

Town: Bournemouth

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: BH8 8EZ

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.kortext.com>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: ProQuest LLC

National registration number: 39-2053855

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Town: Ann Arbor

NUTS code: US United States

Postal code: 48106-1346

Country: United States

Internet address: <http://about.proquest.com>

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: VitalSource Technologies LLC

National registration number: 07901489

Postal address: Spaces, 100 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, UK, MK9 1FH

Town: Milton Keynes

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: MK9 1FH

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://get.vitalsource.com/intl>

The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 7 000 000,00 GBP

Total value of the contract/lot: 7 000 000,00 GBP

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**Lot No: 4.5**

**Title:**

Individual title, DDA or package purchase for access on aggregator's own platform, primarily non-UK language

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2. Award of contract****V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

04/01/2022

**V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

Official name: Casalini Libri SpA

National registration number: 309587  
Postal address: Via Benedetto da Maiano 3 – 50014 Fiesole (FI) – Italy  
Town: Fiesole  
NUTS code: IT Italia  
Postal code: 50014  
Country: Italy  
Internet address: <http://www.casalini.it>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 7 000 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 7 000 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

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**Lot No: 5**

**Title:**

E-textbook access, usually priced by specified number of core users and delivered via an e-textbook platform

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2. Award of contract**

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

04/01/2022

**V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6  
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4  
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0  
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6  
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6  
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

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National registration number: 09334024  
Postal address: 237 Pentonville Road London N1 9NJ  
Town: London  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: N1 9NJ  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://bibliu.com>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: Blackwell UK Ltd  
National registration number: 00796591  
Postal address: 50 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BQ

Town: Oxford  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: OX1 3BQ  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://Blackwells.co.uk>  
The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: John Smith & Son Group Ltd  
National registration number: SC006905  
Postal address: 2nd Floor North Saltire Court 20 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2EN  
Town: Edinburgh  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: EH1 2EN  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <https://johnsmithgroup.co.uk/>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: Kortext Limited  
National registration number: 08617088  
Postal address: Avalon, 26-32 Oxford Road, Bournemouth Dorset BH8 8EZ  
Town: Bournemouth  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: BH8 8EZ  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <http://www.kortext.com>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: VitalSource Technologies LLC  
National registration number: 07901489  
Postal address: Spaces, 100 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, UK, MK9 1FH  
Town: Milton Keynes  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: MK9 1FH  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <https://get.vitalsource.com/intl>  
The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 100 000 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 100 000 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

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**Lot No: 6**

**Title:**

English language print books for institution department purchase (primarily non-library)

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

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

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

04/01/2022

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

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

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National registration number: 00796591

Postal address: 50 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BQ

Town: Oxford

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: OX1 3BQ

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://Blackwells.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

National registration number: 1607961

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Town: Melton

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: HU14 3RS

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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Postal code: EN1 3XA

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.ebsco.com>

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: John Smith & Son Group Ltd

National registration number: SC006905

Postal address: 2nd Floor North Saltire Court 20 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2EN

Town: Edinburgh  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: EH1 2EN  
Country: United Kingdom  
Internet address: <https://johnsmithgroup.co.uk/>  
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: ProQuest LLC  
National registration number: 39-2053855  
Postal address: 789 E. Eisenhower Parkway P.O. Box 1346 Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1346  
Town: Ann Arbor  
NUTS code: US United States  
Postal code: 48106-1346  
Country: United States  
Internet address: <http://about.proquest.com>  
The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 20 000 000,00 GBP  
Total value of the contract/lot: 20 000 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

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**Lot No: 7**

**Title:**

Sales to individuals – staff and students (print or electronic)

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2. Award of contract**

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

04/01/2022

**V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5  
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3  
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0  
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5  
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5  
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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

Official name: Blackwell UK Ltd  
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Town: Oxford  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: OX1 3BQ  
Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://Blackwells.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Official name: A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

National registration number: 1607961

Postal address: 5 Melton Enterprise Park Redcliff Road Melton East Yorkshire HU14 3RS

Town: Melton

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: HU14 3RS

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

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Postal code: EH1 2EN

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://johnsmithgroup.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Official name: Kortext Limited

National registration number: 08617088

Postal address: Avalon, 26-32 Oxford Road, Bournemouth Dorset BH8 8EZ

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Country: United Kingdom

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The contractor is an SME: yes

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National registration number: 07901489

Postal address: Spaces, 100 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, UK, MK9 1FH

Town: Milton Keynes

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: MK9 1FH

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://get.vitalsource.com/intl>

The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 4 000 000,00 GBP

Total value of the contract/lot: 4 000 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

## Section VI: Complementary information

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### VI.3. Additional information

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### VI.4. Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1. Review body

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### VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

04/01/2022