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Comments of the Netherlands on the proposal for a Voluntary Agreement for Medical Imaging Equipment

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General comments

Regarding the evaluation of proposals for a Voluntary Agreement the Netherlands think that the added value and the representativeness are the most critical criteria.

The Netherlands can at this moment not evaluate the proposal for a Voluntary Agreement for Medical Imaging Equipment. The main reason is that the proposal does not provide enough information to evaluate the added value (target values). There is only information on one product (ultrasound imaging equipment), and also for this product the proposal does not present a clear analysis of the improvement potential. Another aspect that hampers understanding is the missing of a functional unit.
Therefor it is not possible to judge whether the 6 % improvement is added value or not.
The Netherlands strongly suggests that the information underlying the proposal is following the methodology of the preparatory studies. This should be a requirement for all proposals for voluntary agreements if no preparatory study has been done for the products in the scope.
Furthermore, the Netherlands suggest that the proposal includes minimum requirements on mandatory information.