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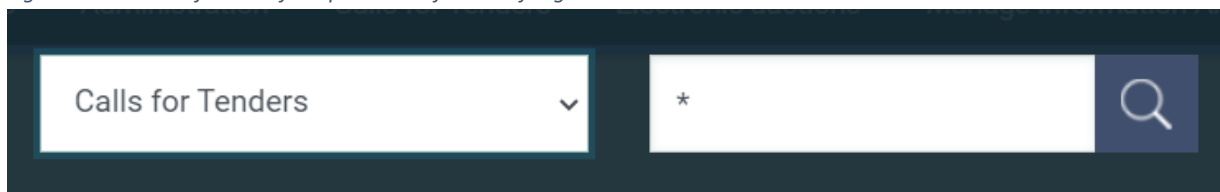# Search Functions Upgrade

Introduction

Further to recent notifications issued, through this concise set of guidelines, all e-PPS users are being notified regarding enhancements relating to the **Simple**, **Latest CfT**, **Advanced** and **Opened Tender Details** search functions.

Simple Search

The **Simple Search** function is now integrated with the **Advanced Search** function. Therefore, the Simple Search is no longer available for e-PPS guest users in the same format as illustrated in Figure 1. However, the Simple Search is still available when a user logs into the system. And, in terms of performing the search, the principle remains the same. The Advanced Search, located top-right corner of the Homepage, applies same search principles as the Simple Search having also additional features.

Figure 1 – Previous format of Simple Search function for guest users.

Latest CfT Search

In reference to Figure 2 and Figure 3, guest users can access the **Latest CfTs Search** from the First-Visit Guide box or from the Homepage footer. For this type of search, no enhancements were implemented. Search results will be displayed same as in previous versions of the e-PPS as confirmed through Figure 4.
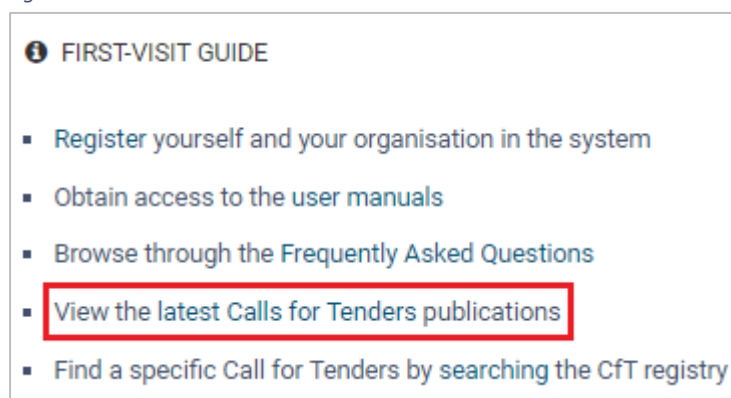
Figure 2 - First-Visit Guide Box.

Figure 3 – e-PPS Homepage Footer.

Figure 4 – Latest CfT Search Results Page.

Advanced Search

As highlighted in red in Figure 5, the **Advanced Search** function now has the security feature that mandatorily requires guest users to input, what is commonly referred to as, the Captcha Code. Users who are logged in the e-PPS are not required to input the code when carrying out an Advanced Search.

Figure 5 – Advanced Search form requires guest users to input the Captcha Code to carry out an advanced search.

Opened Tender Details Search

In reference to Figure 3, the **Opened Tender Details Search** function can also be accessed from the footer. As highlighted in red in Figure 6, similarly, this function has the security feature that mandatorily requires guest users to input, the Captcha Code. Users who are logged in the e-PPS are not required to input the code when carrying out an Opened Tender Details Search.

Figure 6 – Opened Tender Search form requires guest users to input the Captcha Code to carry out this type of search.

Summary

To summarize above information, the **Simple Search** function has been integrated with the **Advanced Search** function.Thus guest users no longer have access to the Simple Search with same format as before. No changes were implemented for the **Latest CfT Search** function. Both the **Advanced Search** and **Opened Tender Details Search** functions implement the mandatory input of the Captcha Code from guest users.