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As requested, please find the additional info you were looking for.

Merci

Michèle

Media response

L'Actualité

Castonguay, Alec (L'Actualité)

Date call received: September 17, 2020 at 15:55

Deadline: September 25, 2020 at 16:00

Tier - COVID-19 - Bolloré and supply orders

BACKGROUND:

The journalist and head of the political bureau of L'Actualité magazine wrote a book about the pandemic and wants information about flights between Canada and China.

QUESTIONS / ANSWER:

Q1. How many flights did Bolloré make between Canada and China between March 1 and May 1, 2020, as a result of the contract Canada signed with this company?

Q2. What type of aircraft did Bolloré use? Did it use Air Canada aircraft? What kind of aircraft? Airbus? What kind?

Q3. How many flights returned to Canada empty (or how many flights did not take place because the cargo was not ready to be loaded)?

A1-3. The agreement in place with Bolloré Logistics Canada Inc. is for transportation, receiving, storage services and support with customs clearances on the ground in China. Oversight is maintained throughout the process from the point of pick up from the supplier until supplies are loaded onto the plane and departs. This end to end approach is in place to navigate the complex supply chain environment, and includes working with Canadian airline partners, Air Canada and CargoJet, to carry the personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies back to Canada.

From March 1 to May 1, 2020, we received **21** flights of supplies from China carrying personal protective equipment (PPE).

In April, one federally chartered cargo flight returned from China to Canada without the intended Government of Canada cargo on board. This occurred due to a confluence of circumstances including a significant surge in cargo flights out of terminals at the Shanghai Airport at that time meaning that this cargo wasn't able to make it on board in time. This flight however was loaded with cargo belonging to other Canadian entities and returned to Canada carrying that cargo. The carrier credited the Government of Canada for the costs of that flight.

We have seen a steady flow of orders make their way to Canada with **114** flights carrying PPE and medical supplies to equip essential workers in Canada, as of September 21, 2020.

Over the past months the federal government has further diversified our supply chains for PPE and medical supplies, including establishing and scaling up Canadian production of goods ranging from face shields, to surgical masks, to the reagents needed to process COVID-19 tests. To date, Canada has secured more than 2 billion items of PPE. Deliveries of PPE and supplies include shipments from domestic manufacturers, by sea, and directly from international suppliers in addition to the federally chartered international cargo flights.

Q4. Your website shows the amount of material ordered and received to date (as of the end of August). I would like the same information for the same type of equipment but for the months of February, March, April and May, broken down by month.

Q5. How many orders were made each month and how many were received in each category for each month in question?

A4-5. Here is the quantity of items ordered and received for February, March, April and May, as well as the number of orders made and received for those items during that period (see attached).



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