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Sent: April 2, 2020 11:11 AM
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Cc: Elizabeth Lindsay; James Stott; Media; Jean-François Létourneau; Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger
Subject: REMINDER: For MO approval - Media Response / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Defense Production Act / BioWorld MedTech

Friendly reminder for this one as well. 😊

Merci!

From: Media
Sent: April 1, 2020 4:34 PM
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Good afternoon Cecely and Emily,

For MO approval, please.

Thanks,

Marc

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Media response
BioWorld MedTech
Godkin, David (BioWorld MedTech)
Date call received: March-31-20 at 14:10
Deadline: April-01-20 at 12:00
Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Defense Production Act

CONTEXT (for your information):

The senior writer is preparing an article on whether Canada should follow the U.S. lead by invoking its Defense Production Act, compelling manufacturers to begin making ventilators to combat COVID-19. He indicates the Prime Minister said March 19, 2020, it was a possibility Canada would invoke its Defense Production Act, permitting PSPC Minister Anand to compel companies to help manufacture medical needed material to combat the spread of COVID-19.

VALUE STATEMENT:

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Can you tell me if that is under active consideration?

Q2. What is the government's current position?

The Government of Canada is making major investments in equipment and supplies for the health sector in response to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

We are taking an aggressive, proactive procurement approach to fulfill immediate and future requirements. This includes buying in bulk from reputable suppliers to secure key items that are in high global demand.

The Government is also leveraging Canadian innovation and ingenuity. Through the [Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19](#), the Government is introducing new measures to directly support businesses to rapidly scale up production or re-tool their manufacturing lines to develop products made in Canada that will help in the fight against COVID-19.

To date, we've placed orders for millions of key items, such as masks, test kits and ventilators, and we have established agreements with Canadian companies that are stepping up to support Canada's efforts to combat COVID-19.

We will continue to work with all available suppliers who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs.

With respect to the *Defence Production Act*, this only applies the military defence of Canada. Unlike the *Defense Production Act* in the United States, our *Act* does not provide powers over industry and sources of supply in times of national emergency.