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From: Kim, Sabrina
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Caron, Zoe
Cc: Lamothe, Colleen; Travers, Patrick; Stickney, Matt
Subject: Re: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

Thank you!

Should we just go out with this tmrw in the PM's remarks, and let Ryan and Leslie know?

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On May 5, 2020, at 2:58 PM, Caron, Zoe <Zoe.Caron@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

I think you have this, but just in case!

From: Halucha, Paul <Paul.Halucha@pco-bcp.gc.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Caron, Zoe <Zoe.Caron@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

Fyi

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Adair, Julie" <Julie.Adair@pco-bcp.gc.ca>
Date: May 5, 2020 at 8:13:34 AM EDT
To: "Halley, Patrick (FIN)" <patrick.halley@canada.ca>, "Green, Tina (Ext.)" <Tina.Green@tbs-sct.gc.ca>, "Baird, Louise" <Louise.Baird@pco-bcp.gc.ca>, "Halucha, Paul" <Paul.Halucha@pco-bcp.gc.ca>
Cc: "Loncar, Mirza" <Mirza.Loncar@pco-bcp.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

Good morning,

This is to confirm that the OIC has been approved by the GIC. It will be registered shortly.

Regards,

Julie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Halley, Patrick (FIN) <patrick.halley@canada.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:45 PM

To: Adair, Julie <Julie.Adair@pco-bcp.gc.ca>; Green, Tina (Ext.)

<Tina.Green@tbs-sct.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

Thank you very much for the update Julie, really appreciate it. We will await news from you on confirmation.

Patrick

-----Original Message-----

From: Adair, Julie <Julie.Adair@pco-bcp.gc.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 9:24 PM

To: Green, Tina (Ext.) <tina.green@tbs-sct.gc.ca>

Cc: Halley, Patrick (FIN) <patrick.halley@canada.ca>

Subject: Re: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

Hi Patrick,

The OIC is with Her Excellency for consideration. As soon as I have confirmation that she has approved it, I will advise. Unfortunately, I'm not able to confirm when that will be.

Julie

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On May 4, 2020, at 8:47 PM, Green, Tina <Tina.Green@tbs-sct.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Patrick,

Good progress has been made today.

I don't want to overstep in Julie's space, so am cc'ng to her to seek her insight.

Thanks,
Tina

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On May 4, 2020, at 8:43 PM, Halley, Patrick (FIN) <patrick.halley@canada.ca> wrote:

Good evening Tina

I was wondering if you have an update on this, whether you think it will be done on time or not. Just checking as we're asked to check comms material tonight. Many thanks again for all your assistance on this, much appreciated!
Patrick

From: Green, Tina <Tina.Green@tbs-sct.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:38 PM
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Subject: Re: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

Hi Patrick,

Appreciate the clarity.

We have been lining things up on our end and with our PCO OIC colleagues.

We are not yet in a position to confirm whether GIC approval could be obtained prior to the announcement timeline.

Will keep you posted.

Regards,
Tina

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2020, at 3:27 PM, Halley, Patrick (FIN)

<patrick.halley@canada.ca<<mailto:patrick.halley@canada.ca>>> wrote:

Tina,

Just wanted to let you know that we have just been told that the PM announcement is confirmed for tomorrow at 11:15am.

Patrick

From: Green, Tina <Tina.Green@tbs-sct.gc.ca<<mailto:Tina.Green@tbs-sct.gc.ca>>>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:25 AM

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Subject: RE: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

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Hi Patrick,

We will see what we can do to move this quickly, but am not yet in a position to guarantee GIC approval in advance of the announcement.

There are a number of steps which need to be completed at our end/with PCO to obtain GIC approval. Will try to compress them to the extent possible.

Regards,

Tina

Tina Green

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Subject: RE: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs
duties on imports of PPE)

Hi Tina,

Thank you for your assistance on this. We were asked last night to add this item to be part of an announcement, as early as tomorrow, by the PM. Focus of the announcement is on food and workers protection. I am told that while it could slip to Wednesday, it is more likely that this announcement is made during the PM briefing tomorrow at 11:15am. Will make sure our MINO contact yours asap.

Many thanks again for the support and I will keep you posted if I hear anything else at our end regarding timing of announcement.

Patrick

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Subject: RE: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs
duties on imports of PPE)

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Hi Patrick,

I appreciate the update. I think we had been planning for your
submission/walkaround more around mid-week.

As you know, our recommendation would be to not announce the remission order
until GIC approval is obtained. Do you know what flexibility exists on your end
or to what degree the announcement timeline is cemented?

We will work with our PCO OIC colleagues to see what is possible in terms of
timing, but it may or may not be possible to obtain GIC approval by tomorrow
given that we are all juggling multiple urgencies.

Andrew had a package which we thought would move over the weekend, but we
are awaiting a PM return. We are trying to bundle urgent files to the extent
possible to allow for an efficient and effective briefing and approvals' process.
If you could offer greater insight on the announcement from your end, that would
be helpful for our planning purposes.

Regards,

Tina

Tina Green

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Subject: RE: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

Hi Tina,

I am writing to update you on this file – the Minister has signed off on the regulatory package last night and it has been transmitted to PCO and TBS We were advised that the plan is to announce this on Tuesday. We have asked our Minister's office to contact the President's office to allow for the walk-around process to move as quickly as possible. Thanks for your help in expediting this measure.

Patrick

From: Halley, Patrick (FIN)

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:38 AM

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Subject: RE: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs
duties on imports of PPE)

Hi Tina

Thanks for your email and hope you are also keeping well.

I can confirm our Department's interest on moving quickly with this issue and that our DM and MINO are aware and also agree on the need to proceed soon. The stakeholder pressure has been primarily coming via certain provinces (e.g., NL and NS) in calls with DPM Freeland and PCO senior officials and relates to concerns expressed by certain industry stakeholders (for example, in food processing sector). This issue was discussed with relevant parts of PCO (IGA, LSMP, ERDP) and they are all supportive of moving with this measure. In terms of timing, we have a briefing note going to our Minister today with a requested return date of next Tuesday.

Trust this is the information you required and thanks to you and your team for your assistance on this file. If you need anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Patrick

Patrick Halley

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Subject: Finance Canada Customs Tariff Remission Order (waiving customs duties on imports of PPE)

Hi Patrick,

I hope you are keeping well through this time.

As you can imagine, we have been focused on urgent, time sensitive COVID-19 related files over the past few weeks. You would have seen the messages from the Secretary and me indicating that the bar is high for proposals going forward at the moment given the system's focus on those initiatives which are most critical to the COVID19 response. There is also an increased interest in stakeholder dynamics as you can imagine; we have seen that play out on some files recently. Therefore, I am doing a signal check with you to confirm your department's interest in proceeding at this time and to also confirm, if that is the case, that there have been signal checks done with respect to potential stakeholder dynamics. I understand that Finance Canada, in consultation with PCO, hope to have a GIC decision on this remission order as soon as possible. We would appreciate it if you could provide additional insight on any hard deadlines that may be in play and an estimated timeframe within which we could expect the signed submission. It is expected that TBS senior management, our Minister's office, and TB Ministers will ask questions about the priority, timing, and potential implications within the current context as any file moves forward. We are receiving those types of questions even on high profile COVID-19 related files.

Your response to by noon on May 1st would be greatly appreciated in order to facilitate our planning.

Regards,

Tina

Tina Green

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