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Subject: For MO Approval - Media response LEAD: AB COMMERCIAL/ Tier 1 - Unusable masks from China / The Globe and Mail

Good morning ladies,

For MO approval please. As additional context, I'm letting you know that PHAC and HC are asking to see the approved response before the 11 am presser, but they are being made aware that it is still in approval.

Thank you

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Media response
The Globe and Mail
Chase, Steven (The Globe and Mail)
Date call received: April-23-20 at 20:15
Deadline: April-24-20 at 10:00 firm response
required before tomorrow's presser of the
PM

Tier 1 - Unusable masks from China

CONTEXT (for your information):

Request received from PHAC. The reporter is following up on his story about 1 million masks from China that failed to meet standards and could not be sent out to provinces, and financial actions that could be taken by the government.

Reference (**reporter has already filed**):

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-canada-says-one-million-face-masks-from-china-failed-to-meet-proper/>

VALUE STATEMENT:

QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

Q1. Is the Canadian government trying to get a refund for these substandard masks?

Q2. Are they making any effort to get their money back?

Q3. Could you identify the suppliers who sold Canada the masks?

A1-A3

We are working closely with our suppliers to get safe, effective equipment and supplies into the hands of front-line healthcare workers.

This is a shared priority and our partners are making adjustments to ensure Canada's needs are being met. In this particular situation, we can confirm our supplier will replace masks that do not meet specifications at no cost to Canada, unless there is a need for their non-medical use.