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**From:** Vandenberg, Emerson (NRCAN/RNCAN)  
**Sent:** March 27, 2020 8:05 PM  
**To:** Kurusamy, Gowthaman (HC/SC)  
**Cc:** Parmar, Dovejot (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Subject:** Re: UK ventilators

Thank you. This is really helpful information and I believe what Mark is looking; I will relay it to him.

Would you mind if I CC'd you in my email to him and said you could connect for further discussion if necessary?

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On Mar 27, 2020, at 7:31 PM, Kurusamy, Gowthaman (HC/SC) <gowthaman.kurusamy@canada.ca> wrote:

Hi Emerson,

Hope you're doing well and keeping safe.

I would encourage them to connect with Health Canada to ensure they meet regulatory standards and apply via PSPC's buy and sell site. Contact info and additional information below:

### **FOR NEW OR RETOOLING IDEAS:**

*Industry, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has launched a "call to action" to Canadian manufacturers to help fight COVID-19. They have created a new web page as well as an intake for manufacturers that make needed supplies, have the potential to rapidly re-tool existing facilities or equipment, or who have skilled workers that could be available to work elsewhere in Canada.*

- Web page: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/maintaingrowimprovebusiness/manufacturers-needed.html>
- Generic email address: [ic.mid-dim.ic@canada.ca](mailto:ic.mid-dim.ic@canada.ca)

**FOR EXISTING SERVICE PROVIDERS OR MANUFACTURERS (NOT RETOOLING):**

*Public Service and Procurement Canada (PSPC) has established a web portal and intake form for suppliers that are able to provide specific products (i.e. N95 masks, gowns, gloves and other PPE) or services (i.e. nursing, food, security)*

- Information submitted through the web portal & generic email address are triaged by type and then referred to a procurement “tiger team” that crosswalks the information submitted through the portal to requirements determined by PHAC & P/Ts
- Web portal: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19>
- Generic email address: [TPSGC.PABPMEClient-APOSMEClient.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:TPSGC.PABPMEClient-APOSMEClient.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

**HEALTH PRODUCT MANUFACTURER OR POTENTIAL IMPORTER THAT SEEKS CLARITY ON THEIR PATHWAY AND REGULATORY DETAILS:**

For health product manufacturer or potential importer that want to seek clarity on their pathway and regulatory details:

For any questions/requests/applications for **medical devices, including test kits**, this email:

[hc.devicelicensing-homologationinstruments.sc@canada.ca](mailto:hc.devicelicensing-homologationinstruments.sc@canada.ca)

For any questions/requests/applications for other **health products, including hand sanitizer**, this email:

[hc.covid19healthproducts-produitsdesante.sc@canada.ca](mailto:hc.covid19healthproducts-produitsdesante.sc@canada.ca)

Hope this is helpful. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Thanks!  
Gowthaman

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On Mar 27, 2020, at 4:42 PM, Vandenberg, Emerson (NRCAN/RNCAN)  
<[emerson.vandenberg@canada.ca](mailto:emerson.vandenberg@canada.ca)> wrote:

Hi Gowthaman,

I just got off the phone with Mark Entwistle, formerly Canada's Ambassador to Cuba and now a managing partner with Acasta Capital in Toronto.

He is eager to discuss a UK company called Medical Device Training International (MDTI). They are in the process of having a novel ventilator design fast-tracked through the regulatory process in the UK for possible mass manufacturing to deal with the pandemic.

He believes it could have similar applicability here in Canada.

I am not familiar with how proposals of this nature are being processed at the moment. Do you have any advice?

He also wished me to relay a [Canada-UK MOU signed in 2017](#) that could be activated in these circumstances to facilitate the technology exchange.

Regards,

**Emerson Vandenberg**

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