

The following media request was identified as **Tier 1**.

The Communications Sector will work with your group to develop the first draft of the response. Any new information not previously approved should be marked in purple.

Highest level of approval required: MO

Media response approved by the Program ADM: April 15, 2020, at 10:00 AM

**Media Advisory**

**Radio-Canada**

**Vu Van, Binh An (Radio-Canada)**

**Date call received: April 14, 2020, at 4:00 PM**

**Deadline: April 15, 2020, at 4:00 PM**

Tier 1 - COVID-19: Imported Masks

**CONTEXT:** The researcher has factual questions about the source of the masks, following PM Trudeau's announcement today on the arrival of 1.1M masks.

**VALUE STATEMENT:** The Government of Canada is working with the provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to determine their needs and to purchase the equipment, supplies and services needed to respond to COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada is taking an aggressive approach to procurement, particularly with respect to personal protective equipment for front-line health care workers. Our approach is to:

- Make bulk orders in advance for the provinces and territories;
- Complete these orders by purchasing everything that is immediately available; and
- Increase domestic production capacity through [Canada's Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada](#).

This is in addition to the efforts of the provinces and territories to ensure their own supply.

**QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

**Q1. Where are these masks coming from?**

**Q2. How many are N95?**

**Q3. How many will go to Quebec? (PHAC)**

**Q4. Are they NIOSH certified?**