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Subject: Matt - empty plane update

Hi there,

I asked Trade & Health to look into a few things, including China's new PPE export rules & quality control checks.

But from the call tonight & from some of our other 4Cs, this is the info I've gathered. Let me know if there's something I'm missing and/or if there's something that is off. Will send this update to the chain with the rest of the Exec team tonight if you're good with it.

- Confirming that one empty plane arrived over the weekend from China that is related to the GoC
- While a second plane had also arrived empty – this flight carried an order exclusively with supplies for the City of Winnipeg
 - o While the GoC has offered transportation assistance for other jurisdictions, officials confirmed that we had not offered that assistance to the City of Winnipeg in this instance (in other words, the second empty plane is not related to the GoC in any way)
- As previously mentioned, there is a 40+ hour wait for trucks en route to the airport & China has strict quarantine rules for ppl entering the country, meaning air crews cannot stay at the airport for an extended period of time to wait for supplies to be unloaded onto planes
- Officials say the congestion is related to:
 - o 1) an increase in checkpoints at airport terminals
 - o 2) an increase in volume in the amount of supplies leaving the country
- China also recently introduced a series of new PPE export rules that are dependent on the quality of PPEs leaving the country
 - o In other words, China has moved to tightly control exports of high quality medical-grade products, such as N95 masks
 - o We are looking into what the implications of these rules are for Canada, however, since the new rules were instituted last week, we have still been able to export medical-grade products
- Lastly, China has also been ratcheting up quality control inspections on PPEs before they leave the country (which may have also led to an increase in the # of the checkpoints that they have at their terminals)

Thanks,
Sabrina

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