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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:39 PM
To: Stickney, Matt; Church, Leslie (SPAC/PSPC); Kim, Sabrina
Cc: Saini, Sabina (HC/SC); Murdock, Kelly (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: RE: Quick q from PM re mask orders

Hi all,

To close the loop, context on verification for PPE.

Cheers all,
TG

PPE that is not already certified for sale in Canada must be evaluated. Further evaluation may involve review/validation of documents to be submitted by the vendor or manufacturer and/or actual testing of the product.

Document review includes validation of a certificate identifying that the product has been certified, and possibly, validation of a certificate of compliance issued by the manufacturer stating that the product meets all quality verifications.

When testing of the actual product is required, for example, with some respirators this is conducted on a sampling of the products.

Technical assessments are a joint effort between PHAC and HC.

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Hi all,

A bit of flavour on PHAC re our approach on donated test kits. I'm following up on PPE validation.

TG

NML will hold all internationally donated testing kits upon receipt, pending evaluation. NML will then validate their performance through a stringent evaluation process. This information will then be transmitted to Health Canada Medical Devices Bureau (HC-MDB) for review. HC-MDB will review this data, along with data provided by the company, to determine suitability for licensure in Canada. If the kit becomes licensed by Health Canada, the NML will work with P/T partners to distribute the kits for use in Canada. If the kit is not deemed ready for licensure, further discussions with the company will occur regarding next steps with HC.

NML will validate any new diagnostic test by conducting a parallel evaluation along side with the currently used 'gold standard' test (the test that is in practice now to issue diagnostic results). This will include evaluating against known positive and negative specimens, and also a small series of incoming specimens. The results from the new test are not used until it's established that the performance meets expectations.

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On purchasing: the suppliers specifically are health Canada approved? Based on prior purchases? Do we trust FDA approved as well?

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Hi Sabrina,

Looks good to me. Sabina may have more on the quality assessment piece once delivered. The key difference between products we purchase vs donations are that they are bought on specs and yes, Health Canada approved.

Leslie

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2020, at 9:47 AM, Kim, Sabrina <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi there – I raised this story with the PM on the morning brief:

Dutch media are reporting that 600,000 masks delivered by China to the Netherlands, many which have already started to be used by Dutch hospitals, don't actually work.

I said when we are in receipt of supplies by DONATION – we do an assessment on quality and specs.

He had some follow up questions, which I am hoping to clarify when I send the written brief in a few mins.

Is it right to say that donations get an assessment check by PHAC at the National Lab on quality and specs?

And is it right to say that orders that come into Canada NOT by donation are not assessed by PHAC upon receipt & before we ship to p/ts BUT that that:

- As part of PSPC's procurement process, we require documentation demonstrating that a supplier is authorized by a Health Canada approved manufacturer.
- We are working with manufacturers to detect and avoid illegitimate suppliers.
- And we are working with established suppliers and distributors, and we have strong processes in place to ensure the authenticity of suppliers we do business with.

Does this make sense?

Thanks!
Sabrina

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