

McKenna, Neil

From: Kim, Sabrina
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Stickney, Matt; Lamothe, Colleen
Cc: Caron, Zoe
Subject: RE: PPE for Ag

Isn't this it? I think we did it a lil while ago:

To ensure the free flow of critical medical supplies, Canada is waiving sales taxes and tariffs on all goods, including PPE from China, imported by or on behalf of public health agencies, hospitals and testing sites, and first response organizations. Further details can be found at: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/cn-ad/cn20-08-eng.html>.

In addition, the Government is deferring payment of sales tax and customs duties on imported goods to June 30, 2020, in order to provide cash flow and liquidity support for commercial importers. Further details can be found at: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/cn-ad/cn20-11-eng.html>.

I think it is just this part that is problematic:

This will reduce the cost to import this needed equipment, and **complement recent efforts to increase domestic production of PPE for Canadian industry, including food producers.**

From: Stickney, Matt <Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:04 PM
To: Lamothe, Colleen <Colleen.Lamothe@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Cc: Caron, Zoe <Zoe.Caron@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Kim, Sabrina <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: PPE for Ag

I've heard it references but no knowledge on my end the decision has been taken.

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On May 4, 2020, at 7:26 PM, Lamothe, Colleen <Colleen.Lamothe@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hey Zoe,
This is the first I'm hearing about the waiving of tariffs on PPE, is this possibly coming out of trade and not pspc?

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On May 4, 2020, at 7:18 PM, Caron, Zoe <Zoe.Caron@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

This is what is in the comms products – is this ok?

To keep food supply chains functioning and workers safe, the government is also waiving tariffs on medical goods and personal protective equipment (PPE) like masks and gloves for all importers. This will reduce the cost to import this needed equipment, and complement recent efforts to increase domestic production of PPE for Canadian industry, including food producers.

The Government of Canada recognizes all workers across our food supply chain that provide an essential service to our country. We will continue to monitor and respond to the wide-ranging impacts of COVID-19, and take additional actions as needed to protect the health and safety of Canadians, and stabilize the economy.

From: Lamothe, Colleen <Colleen.Lamothe@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Stickney, Matt <Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Cc: Caron, Zoe <Zoe.Caron@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Kim, Sabrina <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: PPE for Ag

Hey Zoe,

Don't think this is ready for an announcement yet. At the first PPE working group meeting the Minister brought forward concerns coming from Ag on the need for ppe but didn't have firm data on exactly what the ask is, what amount of stockpile companies currently have available and what the different needs are between larger and smaller operators. She was going to circle back with industry and get a better sense of what support they need (for example logistical support getting orders out of China) and come back to the working group with more information.

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On May 4, 2020, at 6:28 PM, Stickney, Matt <Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

I do not believe that's ready.

Adding colleen who may have more up to date info.

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On May 4, 2020, at 5:56 PM, Caron, Zoe <Zoe.Caron@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hey both,

We are supposed to include the following in tomorrow's Agriculture announcement:

“Announcements on food security should include an update of federal actions to secure supplies of personal protection equipment for Canadian businesses; specifically, announcements should include actions to secure supplies from international markets and to increase domestic production.”

Do you know what this info is?

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