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From: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: March 25, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Stephen McPhee
Cc: Phillips, Kylie (HC/SC)
Subject: RE: Covid test kits

Hi Stephen,

If these products do not have certifications or are not licensed in Canada, they would need to acquire them through Health Canada.

Please send details of the products and proposal to hc.covid19healthproducts-produitsdesante.sc@canada.ca. This is the email being used for licensing of health products such as masks with Health Canada. An expert from the department will review your submission and get back to you with next steps! I have copied my colleague Kylie Phillips at Health Canada for her awareness.

Once they have approvals, then the Government of Canada will be able to consider this procurement opportunity.

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Subject: RE: Covid test kits

Madison

Thanks for the reply.

A friend of mine from High School, George Schweitzer is a businessman from South Africa who trades with China and has companies with Chinese manufacturing ties.

He has offered "at cost" supplies online. I saw that and my first thought was test kits. He also has masks etc.

I have no interest in being an importer or making any money from this. I simply want the government to look into it and, if it is helpful I can put you in touch with George so that you can get the product in.

Apparently the "obstacle" to importing any of this is government approval because they are medical supplies.

Here are pro forma invoices George sent as examples. He says there are significant quantities available as they have a large production facility in China.

He is sending supplies to the UK and worldwide.

Would you like me to put you in touch with George? He uses Whatsapp for communications.

Regards,

Stephen McPhee, Q.C.

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From: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC) [<mailto:madison.taipalus@canada.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:26 AM

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Subject: Covid test kits

Hi Stephen,

Mathieu Bouchard forward me your email about your connections and ability to provide products and services to support the response to COVID-19 in Canada. In addition to leveraging existing sources of supply, PSPC is now proactively engaging industry to help meet Canada's needs.

Many of us are receiving information from potential suppliers or individuals with helpful information on the COVID-19 response. I invite you to this website: <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19>. As this website will continue to be updated, I encourage you to check back for new information that may be posted.

My department is reviewing the significant number of responses and identifying potential suppliers for the goods and services that may be required as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. I have informed my team in Minister Anand's office of your proactive reach out.

Are you able to share any relevant information that I can include in while tracking procurement opportunities? (i.e. specific products, quantity available, production capacity).

If you are looking to get certification or licensing of a medical product, I can redirect you to Health Canada and Minister Hajdu's office. If you are looking for funding for manufacturers to re-tool to create a product to support Canada's response to COVID-19, I can redirect you to Innovation, Science and Industry and Minister Bains' office.

Hope this information helps!

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