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**Sent:** May 10, 2020 10:15 AM  
**To:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC); Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC); fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Cc:** Media; Elizabeth Lindsay; Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger; Bryan Blom; Jean-François Létourneau  
**Subject:** For MO Approval: RE: Status report on masks

Good morning Cecely,

With regard to the query you received last night from Agence QMI (in English), unless you prefer to handle it yourself, I'm proposing to send the below to the reporter: link to our web update on PPE purchases accompanied by the statement you sent to CP, CBC, etc.

Let me know how you want to handle this request and whether my proposed approach works with you.

Thanks,  
JF  
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Hi,

To get an overview of the Government of Canada's purchases of selected personal protective equipment, please consult the following link:

- <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/comm/mc-cd/provisions-supplies-eng.html#overview>

With regard to defective masks, here is a statement from Public Services and Procurement Canada on the matter:

Our priority is making sure that we get safe, effective equipment and supplies into the hands of frontline healthcare workers as we face COVID-19. We are working with a range of suppliers and distributors, and we have strong processes in place to help ensure that the supplies we receive meet all necessary standards. In particular, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) conducts stringent testing of items such as masks before they go out to provinces and territories.

Recently, a significant portion of an order of N95 masks did not meet our standards for this mask type. Of the close to 11 million N95 masks received and tested from this supplier, approximately 8 million have not met our contractual specifications. Roughly 1 million masks have passed our standards, while another 1.6 million masks are pending results.

Further assessment of testing results is underway, but in the meantime we have suspended further shipments of N95 masks from this supplier. We can confirm that none of these masks that failed our standards were distributed by PHAC for medical use, however assessment is ongoing for other uses. Approximately 1.8 million masks thus far have been redirected for use by other organizations.

We have contracts in place with a variety of suppliers for N95 masks, with orders of approximately 135.5 million. To date, Canada has received 24 plane loads of PPE and medical supplies including more than 33 million surgical masks, with consistent deliveries continuing into the days and weeks ahead to meet both our short and long term needs. The large majority of the products received have met PHAC standards for use.

While we continue to receive significant shipments of PPE from international manufacturers, we are also putting in place Made-in-Canada solutions. We are receiving orders from domestic manufacturers for gowns, face shields and hand sanitizer among other products. This also includes our newly finalized agreement with Medicom, based in Pointe-Claire, Quebec, for the production of 20 million N95 respirator masks and 24 million surgical masks per year for the next ten years, starting this summer.

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**From:** AQMI-Nouvelle [mailto:nouvelles@agenceqmi.ca]

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**Subject:** Status report on masks

Hi,

Is it possible to have a status report on the masks.

how many have been received? how many are defective? how many are in evaluation? how many are good?

Will the federal government pay for defective items?

I know PM Justin Trudeau said today "we will not be paying for masks that do not hit the standards with expect to give to our frontline workers."

Sincerely

Stéphane Waffo

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