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Subject: For MO Approval: Media Response / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Bolloré and Supply Orders / L'actualité
Attachments: Réponse L'actualité_FR.DOCX

Hi Cecely, James,

We have made the changes requested except for one. Instead of "received", we recommend to use "secured", as highlighted below.

The rationale behind it is that we have ordered more than 2 billion items, but have received 820.8 million pieces. Yesterday the minister used the word "secured" in that sentence in the presser, so this is what we would recommend here as well, if you agree.

As for a timeline, it will take approximately a week to get the additional info requested. Based on the reporter's request, we do believe he would be satisfied to have the response below, along with the info available in the web table.

We will wait for your approval before sending this response to the reporter.

Thank you
Stefanie

Media Response

L'actualité

Castonguay, Alec (L'actualité)

Date call received: September-17-20 at 3:55 PM

Deadline: September-25-20 at 4:00 PM

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Bolloré and Supply Orders

BACKGROUND:

The reporter and political bureau chief for the magazine L'actualité is writing a book about the pandemic and wants information about flights between Canada and China.

VALUE STATEMENT:

QUESTIONS / ANSWER:

Q1. How many flights between China and Canada were operated by Bolloré, thanks to Canada's contract with that company, between March 1 and May 1, 2020?

Q2. What kind of plane was Bolloré using? Were they Air Canada planes? What kind of aircraft? Airbus? What kind?

Q3. How many flights returned empty to Canada (or flights that did not take place because the cargo on site was not ready for boarding)?

A1-3. The agreement in place with Bolloré Logistics Canada Inc. is for transportation, receiving, storage services and support with customs clearances on the ground in China. Oversight is maintained throughout the process from the point of pick up from the supplier until supplies are loaded onto the plane and departs. This end to end approach is in place to navigate the complex supply chain environment, and includes working with Canadian airline partners, Air Canada and CargoJet, to carry the personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies back to Canada.

From March 1. to May 1. 2020, we received **21** flights of supplies from China carrying personal protective equipment (PPE).

In April, one federally chartered cargo flight returned from China to Canada without the intended Government of Canada cargo on board. This occurred due to a confluence of circumstances including a significant surge in cargo flights out of terminals at the Shanghai Airport at that time meaning that this cargo wasn't able to make it on board in time. This flight however was loaded with cargo belonging to other Canadian entities and returned to Canada carrying that cargo. The carrier credited the Government of Canada for the costs of that flight.

We have seen a steady flow of orders make their way to Canada with **114** flights carrying PPE and medical supplies to equip essential workers in Canada, as of September 21, 2020.

Over the past months the federal government has further diversified our supply chains for PPE and medical supplies, including establishing and scaling up Canadian production of goods ranging from face shields, to surgical masks, to the reagents needed to process COVID-19 tests. To date, Canada has **secured** more than 2 billion items of PPE. Deliveries of PPE and supplies include shipments from domestic manufacturers, by sea, and directly from international suppliers in addition to the federally chartered international cargo flights.

Q4. Your website indicates the quantity of equipment that has been ordered and received so far (as of the end of August). I would like the same information, for the same type of equipment, but for February, March, April and May. Broken down by month.

Q5. How many orders were there for each month, and how many orders were received for each month in each category?

A4-5. Attached you will find the quantities of items ordered and received from international and domestic suppliers for the months of February, March, April and May, as well as the number of orders placed and received for these items during this period.

FRENCH

R1-3 L'entente conclue avec Bolloré Logistics Canada Inc. porte sur des services de transport, de réception et d'entreposage, ainsi que d'appui au dédouanement sur place en Chine. Une surveillance est assurée tout au long du processus, depuis le point de ramassage chez le fournisseur jusqu'au chargement des fournitures dans l'avion et son départ. Cette approche intégrale est en place pour composer avec l'environnement complexe touchant la chaîne d'approvisionnement et prévoit une collaboration avec des partenaires aériens canadiens, à savoir Air Canada et CargoJet, pour le transport de l'équipement de protection individuelle (EPI) et des fournitures médicales vers le Canada.

Du 1er mars au 1er mai 2020, 21 vols en provenance de Chine ont atterri au Canada pour livrer des chargements d'EPI.

En avril, un vol de transport de marchandises affrété par le gouvernement fédéral est revenu de Chine au Canada sans la marchandise prévue du gouvernement du Canada à son bord. Cela s'est produit en raison d'un concours de circonstances, notamment une augmentation importante des vols de fret à partir des terminaux de l'aéroport de Shanghai durant cette période, faisant en sorte que la marchandise en question n'a pu être chargée à bord à temps. Cependant, l'avion était rempli de marchandises appartenant à d'autres entités canadiennes et est retourné au Canada en transportant cette marchandise. Le transporteur a crédité le gouvernement du Canada pour les coûts de ce vol.

Nous avons assisté à un flux constant de commandes qui sont arrivées au Canada avec 114 vols transportant de l'EPI et des fournitures médicales pour équiper les travailleurs essentiels canadiens, et ce, en date du 21 septembre 2020.

Au cours des derniers mois, le gouvernement fédéral a diversifié davantage ses chaînes d'approvisionnement en EPI et en fournitures médicales, notamment en établissant et en augmentant la production canadienne de produits allant des écrans faciaux aux masques chirurgicaux, en passant par les réactifs nécessaires au traitement des tests de dépistage de la COVID-19. À ce jour, le Canada a obtenu plus de 2 milliards de pièces d'EPI. Les livraisons d'EPI et de fournitures comprennent des envois de fabricants nationaux, par voie maritime, et directement de fournisseurs internationaux, en plus des vols de transport de marchandises internationaux affrétés par le gouvernement fédéral.

R4-5. Voici les quantités d'articles commandés et reçus des fournisseurs internationaux et nationaux pour les mois de février, mars, avril et mai, ainsi que le nombre de commandes passées et reçues pour ces articles pendant cette période. (attachement)