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Subject: For MO approval - Media Response - Tier 1 / COVID-19 - PPE charter flight that returned empty from China / Air Cargo World Magazine

Hi James,

For your approval.

Charles.
873-354-0137

Media response

Air Cargo World Magazine

Kauffman, Charles (Air Cargo World Magazine)

Date call received: July-20-20 at 18:05

Deadline: July-24-20 at 17:00

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - PPE charter flight that returned empty from China

CONTEXT (for your information):

The editor is working on a story about the personal protective equipment shipments out of China in April and May. He says that the government of Canada has previously confirmed that a flight it had chartered departed China empty on or around April 19. The editor notes that Bolloré Logistics continues to work closely with the Canadian government to supply personal protective equipment and that this mishap was mostly related to regulatory issues and congestion at the Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Q1. Are you able to confirm this event and identify if it was a Cargojet or Air Canada aircraft? Any other information you are able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

We can confirm that, in April, one federally chartered cargo flight returned from China to Canada without its intended shipment 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. It should be noted that the carrier was able to find other cargo to bring back and credited the Government of Canada with the costs they recovered as a result of that transport flight.**

We have since seen a steady flow of orders make their way to Canada, **with more than 100 flights of supplies from China carrying personal protective equipment.** Our progress on deliveries is published

weekly on our web page at <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/comm/aic-scr/provisions-supplies-eng.html>.