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Subject: For MO approval - media response - Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Manufacturers selling diagnostic device applications to GoC

Evening MO,

For your approval please. [New info.](#)

Also please note that Spartan has already been mentioned publicly and Thermo Fisher confirmed with us that they are ok being named in this response.

Thank you

Michèle

Media response

CTV Television

Calahan, Kathlene (CTV Television)

Date call received: May-05-20 at 16:50

Deadline: May-07-20 at 17:00 **(awaiting her response and has followed up)**

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Manufacturers selling diagnostic device applications to GoC

CONTEXT (for your information):

This W5 associate producer is asking if there is a way to determine which manufacturers (listed in the reference below) are actually selling their COVID-19 Health Canada-authorized diagnostic device applications to the Government of Canada.

Reference:

Diagnostic devices for use against coronavirus (COVID-19): List of authorized devices

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medical-devices/covid-19/diagnostic-devices-authorized.html>

VALUE STATEMENT:

The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies, and services to combat COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is taking an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to personal protective equipment for frontline healthcare workers. This includes:

- Ordering ahead in bulk on behalf of provinces and territories

- Supplementing those orders by purchasing limited-availability supplies that are immediately available;
- Ramping up domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q1. Is there a way to know which of these vendors (consult reference above) is selling these devices to the federal government? Or are they all selling to the federal government?

All devices on the "[List of authorized diagnostic devices for use against COVID-19](#)" have been authorized for sale or import in Canada under Health Canada [interim order](#).

To date, Public Services and Procurement Canada has placed orders with 2 of these companies mentioned on this list: Thermo Fisher and Spartan Bioscience Inc.