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Subject: For MO approval: Media Response / Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Ordering supplies from China / Agence France-Presse

Emily, Cecely,

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

Thank you,

Michèle

Media response

Agence France-Presse

Lemieux, Jacques (Agence France-Presse)

Date call received: March 31, 2020, at 1:10 PM

Deadline: March 31, 2020, at 5:00 PM ([awaiting our response as soon as possible](#))

Tier 1 - COVID-19 - Ordering supplies from China

CONTEXT: The reporter is seeking confirmation of information from the French company Bolloré, which is expected to deliver medical supplies from China via 15 flights beginning on April 2, 2020.

He wants the information as soon as possible, since he notes that Agence France-Presse (AFP) is an essential service as an international news agency.

VALUE STATEMENT: As part of the Government of Canada's whole-of-government response to COVID-19, Public Service and Procurement Canada, in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada, is leading efforts to purchase equipment, supplies and services needed for the response is leading the efforts to get the equipment and supplies needed for the response.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q1. Do you have any details on this operation, such as the type of supplies, schedule, etc.?

Q2. Is it true that the first flight is scheduled to land in Toronto on April 2?

A1-2: [Canada has an arrangement with Bolloré Logistics to provide transportation, receiving, inspection and warehousing services. As part of this arrangement, Bolloré Logistics is arranging transportation from China of personal protective equipment purchased by the Government of Canada. This will be an on-going process as shipments are ready for movement to Canada.](#)