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**Subject:** FW: PPE Masks update BG

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your email.

The [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] As mentioned previously, going forward, all new instalments of the masks upon arrival in [REDACTED] will [REDACTED] will then be distributed to countries. We will be in touch shortly with all countries to advise on updates, future scheduling and process.

The [REDACTED] from the first instalment which have been distributed is a direct request [REDACTED] Their use is destined for healthcare workers only as the masks have no CE certification. Their use by healthcare workers was the sole intention of this product. Due to the quality concerns, however, they are not fit for purpose. It is highly unfortunate that the quality of the masks was not adequate and we apologize for any inconvenience caused, but we reiterate that the masks [REDACTED] Please let us know in advance if there are [REDACTED] as the [REDACTED] but would need this information prior to the operation.

Kind regards,

HSC Secretariat

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**Subject:** OTH.: PPE Masks update

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for this information.

[REDACTED] is in our view neither a sustainable, nor a cost-effective approach.

The Commission had in advance clearly indicated that these masks are not intended for frontline health workers. We had ordered the masks with this understanding in mind: there are needs for masks beyond the medical professionals.

Bearing in mind the announcement by the Commission at the meeting of IPCR last Tuesday, that another [REDACTED] we do not understand the request to [REDACTED] We have not been provided with any [REDACTED] about the actual problems with that first delivery.

Our suggestion is therefore to test ourselves the KN95 masks delivered already, at national level. Should the tests confirm that the masks can be used for non-medical purpose, we would like to use them.

Looking forward to a confirmation from your side that this approach is acceptable,  
Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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**Тема:** PPE Masks update

Dear Colleagues,

As an update to the below, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If there are [REDACTED] please let us know what they are in advance of the operation. Advance information [REDACTED] is necessary as [REDACTED] but would need this information prior to the operation.

We look forward to hearing from you on this and thank you again for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

HSC Secretariat

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**Subject:** PPE Masks update

Dear Colleagues,

As an update, the 1.5 million KN95 GB26262006 masks, which have been distributed are not appropriate for use. These masks have been tested in [REDACTED] and the results are negative.

We are in the process of arranging details to [REDACTED] Please therefore continue to refrain from using these masks and in due course [REDACTED]

Going forward, we are working to ensure an adequate resolution to this quality issue, which will also entail, [REDACTED] We will keep you informed of future scheduling as soon as possible.

We take this opportunity to apologize for any inconvenience caused, to reiterate the absolute priority for quality and safety of personal protective equipment and to thank countries for the feedback they have provided so far.

Please do not hesitate should you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

HSC Secretariat