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**Subject: Access to documents request - COVID-19 vaccine export to Japan -  
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Dear Mr Eiko Toda,

Thank you for your request of July 30, 2021 concerning the number of BioNTech/Pfizer and of Moderna vaccine doses that had been approved to be exported and were actually exported to Japan by the end of June 2021.

Unfortunately the information is confidential and disclosure thereof would undermine the commercial interests of BioNTech/Pfizer and Moderna and the public interest as regards of international relations (see Articles 4(1) and 4(2) of the Regulation regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents). The European Commission is not at liberty to share this type of information.

We confirm however that all shipments of BioNTech/Pfizer and Moderna vaccines doses requested to be exported to Japan, were approved by the National competent authorities of the exporting Member State and by the EU Commission. No shipment to Japan was ever rejected.

I suggest you contact BioNTech/Pfizer and Moderna directly and ask for the information on the quantity of doses exported to Japan, as they might be willing to share this information with you.

With kind regards,

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