

13 February 2025

Dear Mr. Chelminski,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 3 February 2025, conveying to the Committee a request for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017) to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular to allow for the importation of laboratory equipment for vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) to the DPRK to support various health programs including the VPD programme, aimed at controlling and preventing the VPD as well as equipping the National Laboratory with supplies to support quality diagnosis and management of diseases for the civilian population.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the requested exemption in the abovementioned letter, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to transfer the items outlined in your letter within the next 12 months, which is enclosed in this letter as an attachment. The items are requested to be shipped once together or in a consolidated matter, with a view to increasing efficiency and custom clearance.

The Committee reiterates that the sanctions measures imposed by the Security Council through its resolutions with respect to the DPRK are not intended to bear a negative impact on the people of the DPRK, and the note verbale it issued to all Member States, as well as its press release SC/13113 of 8 December 2017, offer clarifications as regards humanitarian aid to the DPRK. The note verbale further recalls that each Member State must fully implement relevant Security Council measures, while keeping in mind the need to clarify to public and private sector entities in their jurisdiction that, while properly implementing United Nations sanctions, humanitarian activities should not be unduly restricted.

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The Committee further supports and approves WHO engaging in necessary business and financial transactions only for the purchase of goods and services exempted by the Committee and found in the attachment without prejudice to the relevant commercial decisions.

At the same time, the Committee requests relevant organizations delivering humanitarian assistance to the DPRK to adhere to the exemption time limit approved by the Committee and fully respect and abide by relevant national laws, regulations, and licensing requirements governing financial and commercial transactions, and shipping and custom clearance conducted in the jurisdictions of affected Member States.

I wish to inform you that this letter and its annex will be published on the 1718 Committee website for the public, including relevant national authorities involved in reviewing the exempted transfers to the DPRK, for a period of 12 months.

The Committee would like to thank WHO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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President of the Security Council

Attachment:

- List of items for transfer to the DPRK

World Health Organization

1718 Committee Exemption Request for proposed humanitarian assistance:

[Name of proposed humanitarian assistance project]

Laboratory Equipment

Annex II: Detailed list of items and specifications for proposed humanitarian assistance

Item No.	Material Description	Specifications	Country of Origin	Quantity	Value	Purpose of item for project	Planned date(s) of transfer	Port of Departure	Port of Entry	Parties involved in transaction	Measure to ensure assistance is used for intended purpose / Monitoring Plan
1	CO ₂ Incubator	CO ₂ control: digital, adjustment range: 0-20% CO ₂ , Volume: 56L, Electric load(230/115V, 50/60Hz): 1000W, Including stainless water tray 1pc		1	6 000	The proposed lab consumables and items are to be used in central and provincial level health facility labs. The humanitarian assistance proposed is for the prevention and control of Vaccine Preventable Diseases and other communicable diseases in the country.	February 1, 2025	To be decided	Nampo/Sinuiju	a) WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, New Delhi, India, Metropolitan Hotel Office Block, Bangla Sahib Road, Gole Market, Sector 4, New Delhi 110 001, India b) WHO Country Office, 14 Hodong, Munsudong, Pyongyang, DPR Korea, Email: prakasho@who.int, rik@who.int, Tel:+85023817913 c) MOPH - DPRK, Sochang-Don, Central District, Pyongyang City DPR Korea, E mail: bogon.moph@star-co.net.kp d) WHO Headquarters, Av. Appia 20, 1202 Genève,	In order to ensure that the goods provided to the MOPH/DPRK by WHO are used for their intended purpose and not diverted for prohibited purposes, WHO will take the following measures: Upon arrival at the designated port, WHO through its Country Office will clear the goods and physically accept them. All verified items will be handed over to the MoPH. This will be done through a formal handing over note signed by both parties. By implementing these measures WHO Country Office expects to minimize the possibility of diversion and ensure that these items are strictly used for their intended purpose.
2	Deionzer	Bacteria: < 0.1 cfu/mL, 220V, 50Hz/72W, Operating temperature: 5-45°C		2	500	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
3	Benchtop Centrifuge	Max. speed: 6000rpm, 8x15mL, Max volume: 8x15mL(angle rotor 8-place)		2	1 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
4	Vertical autoclave	Chamber volume: approx. 50L, approx. Chamber diameter 300mm and depth 500mm, with minimum 2 bin type. Weight: Down to 60kg, Strilization temp. 105-135°C		1	6 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
5	TUBE CENTRIFUGE	PP, 15 mL, sterile, screw cap, rack-50, case-500, Case of 500		20	1 600	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
6	TUBE CENTRIFUGE	PP, 50 mL, sterile, screw cap, pack-500, Case of 500		20	1 620	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
7	Biosafety cabinet	SteriGARD III Advance SG-403 Class II Type A/B3 Hood - CALIBRATEDH25:H31		4	2 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	

8	Thermocycler	Rotagen Q 5 plex 3000		1	2 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above
9	Ice crashing machine	<p>The ice crusher is portable, of compact design and especially suitable for countertop use. It has a shaded pole gear motor, 24 rpm. The special height adjustment feature enables the use of any size container up to a maximum of 230 mm high. This is ideal for dispensing ice directly into a blender container.</p> <p>Convenient crushed ice Easily maintained Height adjustment allows direct filling of large containers</p> <p>Feed chute opening: 38x57 mm</p> <p>Production of 568 g of ice per minute.</p>		1	1 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above
10	96-well shaker	Benchmark SmartReader™ 96 Microplate Absorbance Reader with Incubation Synonym(s): Microplate reader, Absorbance reader, ELISA, 96 well plate, plate reader		2	4 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above
11	96-well centrifuge	96-Well PCR Plate Centrifuge (4-Plate Rotor)Over-temperature protection and vibration protection Safety lid-lock, open lid automatically LCD display showing: RPM and RCF can be showed clearly Program memory function Timing setting function. Speed: 500-2000 rpm, 500g max Time range: 10sec-2h Allowable Temperature: 5-40 oC Power supply: AC 100V-220V 50/60Hz Protection funstions: Lid opening protection, cavity overtemperature protection, vibration protection Program memory: Yes Weight: 7.6 kg Dimensions: 400*300*200 mm		1	2 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above

12	Vacuum Dryer	Construction: External : 2MM THK Internal : 2MM THKMOC: cGMP Surface Finish : External:Buffed to 150 grit matt finish Internal: Buffed to 220 grit mirror finish. Inlet & Outlet: All dryers have a 5 micron pre filter r at the inlet and a manually infinite adjustable damper at the outlet. Door : Doors at provided at the front and / or rear side of the dryer. Door lips are lined with silicon rubber gasket to prevent any leakages. Suitable locking is provided for the doors. Air Circulation : Air circulation is done by specially designed recirculation blowers inside the dryer. The blower capacity , static & design depends on the size and model of dryer. Heating : Dryers are normally supplied with either steam / electric / thermic fluid / hot water heating system. Suitable heating coils / calorifiers are provided in		1	2 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
13	voltage stabilizer	VOLTAGE STABILISER (BIOBASE BEP-600), LCD display, 5-600V, max 300W, 220V Voltage Output Range 5-600V (Resolution: 1V) Current Output Range 4-600mA (Resolution: 1mA) Power Output Range 1-300W (Resolution: 1W) Input Voltage 220V, 50/60Hz Parallel Output 4 groups Timing Function 1min-99h59min, adjustable		1	6 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
14	Bio Tec Synergy HT Fluorometer	Operated using BioTek's Gen5™ or KC4™ Data Analysis Software • Dual-optics design, with separate fluorescence and absorbance channels • 3 mm top and 5 mm bottom fluorescence probes (standard configuration) • Optional 1.5 mm top/bottom, 3 mm bottom fluorescence probes (custom configurations) • Optional Time-Resolved Fluorescence (TRF) capability ("T" models, e.g., SIAFRT) • Fluorescence N ranges: Standard low-noise PMT ¼ Excitation: 300 to 650 nm (200 to 700 nm with "T" models) ¼ Emission: 300 to 700 nm Optional red-extended PMT ¼ Excitation: 300 to 650 nm (200 to 800 nm with "T" models) ¼ Emission: 300 to 800 nm • Absorbance N range of 200 to 999 nm • Absorbance OD range from		1	6 000	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
15	DL-1,4-Dithiothreitol (98%) CAS#: 3483-12-3	DL-1,4-Dithiothreitol (98%) CAS#: 3483-12-3		30	905	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
16	"dNTP Mix (5 mM each) Product Code - Adamas life G8166-1mL"	"dNTP Mix (5 mM each) Product Code - Adamas life G8166-1mL"		20	334	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
17	"M-MuLV Reverse Transcriptase	"M-MuLV Reverse Transcriptase		20	1131	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	

18	Probe One Step qRT-PCR Kit Product Code - Adamas life G8136-50T	Probe One Step qRT-PCR Kit Product Code - Adamas life G8136-50T		50	1671	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
19	QuantiNova Multiplex RT-PCR Kit (100) Product Code - Qiagen 208552	QuantiNova Multiplex RT-PCR Kit (100) Product Code - Qiagen 208552		10	3183	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	
20	QuantiNova Multiplex RT-PCR Kit (500) Product Code - Qiagen 208554	QuantiNova Multiplex RT-PCR Kit (500) Product Code - Qiagen 208554		10	14292	as above	as above	as above	as above	as above	