

6 May 2022

Dear Ms. Bechdol,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 21 April 2022, 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 authorize the shipment of items vital for activities undertaken by FAO in the DPRK under a project entitled "Mitigating the impact of disasters using the anticipatory action approach in the grain basket of DPRK" supported by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, aimed at ensuring food security by strengthening the capacity of the agricultural sector to cope with natural disasters.

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 and services 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 manner, with a view to increasing efficiency of shipping 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.

The Committee further supports and approves FAO 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.

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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 FAO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Mona Juul
Chair
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Attachment:

- List of Items and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

Food and Agriculture Organization

1718 Committee Exemption Request for proposed humanitarian assistance:

Project title: Mitigating the impact of disasters using the anticipatory action approach in the grain basket of DPRK

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

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Item No.	Material Description	HS code	Make	Model	Manufacturer	Specifications	Country of Origin	Unit	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	Portable water pump	8413	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Engine: gasoline; Flow 75 m3/h, power: 5.5 kw	China	pc.	30	\$10,500	Irrigation in case of drought and drainage in case of typhoon or flood	Earliest possible and no later than July 2022, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify the specific suppliers.	Receipt and distribution of goods will be monitored by FAO staff and Ministry of Agriculture as per monitoring plan described in Annex III.
2	Mobile Rice Thresher	8433	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			3 kw gasoline or diesel engine, Production capacity 1 Mth	China	pc.	3	\$6,000	Rapid threshing of rice to reduce losses in event of flooding	Earliest possible and no later than July 2022, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify the specific suppliers.	Receipt and distribution of goods will be monitored by FAO staff and Ministry of Agriculture as per monitoring plan described in Annex III.
3	Mobile corn thresher	8433	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Electric, power 380 V, 7.5 kw; Production capacity 1.5 MT/h; Simultaneous peeling and threshing;	China	pc.	3	\$8,000	Rapid threshing of corn to reduce losses in event of flooding	Earliest possible and no later than July 2022, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify the specific suppliers.	Receipt and distribution of goods will be monitored by FAO staff and Ministry of Agriculture as per monitoring plan described in Annex III.
4	Mobile soybean thresher	8433	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Electric, voltage 220/380; Min. throughput capacity 500 kg/h	China	pc.	3	\$11,000	Rapid threshing of soybeans to reduce loss in event of flooding	Earliest possible and no later than July 2022, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify the specific suppliers.	Receipt and distribution of goods will be monitored by FAO staff and Ministry of Agriculture as per monitoring plan described in Annex III.
5	Two wheel tractors	8701	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Capacity: 18 hp; Single Cylinder Diesel Engine, With the trailer; With attachments: seed drill, mower, disc harrow, plough.	China	pc.	5	\$25,000	Rapid transport of crops to shelter in event of flooding, transport of water in event of drought.	Earliest possible and no later than July 2022, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify the specific suppliers.	Receipt and distribution of goods will be monitored by FAO staff and Ministry of Agriculture as per monitoring plan described in Annex III.
6	Portland Cement*	2523				strength 150 Mark, Bagged	China	MT	80	\$12,000	Rehabilitating irrigation and drainage systems	Earliest possible and no later than July 2022, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify the specific suppliers.	Receipt and distribution of goods will be monitored by FAO staff and Ministry of Agriculture as per monitoring plan described in Annex III.
7	HDPE water supply pipe*	3917				High Density PE (Density: 940 kg/m3); Diameter 100mm; Working Pressure At least 0.6 Mpa	China	m	3000	\$21,000	Irrigation in case of drought or heat wave, drainage in case of flood or typhoon.	Earliest possible and no later than July 2022, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify the specific suppliers.	Receipt and distribution of goods will be monitored by FAO staff and Ministry of Agriculture as per monitoring plan described in Annex III.
8	Plastic sheet for seedbed*	3920				Colour: black; Material, virgin PE; Thickness 0.07 mm	China	m ²	62500	\$12,000	Preserving moisture for seedbeds in case of drought.	Earliest possible and no later than July 2022, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify the specific suppliers.	Receipt and distribution of goods will be monitored by FAO staff and Ministry of Agriculture as per monitoring plan described in Annex III.

* Indicates Items which are not restricted by UNSC sanctions but are nevertheless included here so as to facilitate customs clearance at China/DPRK border.