

28 November 2022

Dear Mr. Matheou,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 17 November 2022, requesting a modification of the quantity of items and an adjustment of the timeframe for the exemption granted on 2 and 15 December 2021 to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, in particular authorizing the import of items into the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) for IFRC disaster preparedness, COVID-19 prevention and capacity-building in the DPRK. The request for an adjustment of the timeframe was requested for an exceptional 12 months due to delays in the procurement and transfer of the approved goods as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I have the further honour to inform you that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to further adjust the timeframe for the exemption until 28 November 2023 to complete the procurement and shipment of the relevant items, the details of which are enclosed in this letter as an attachment, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017).

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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Attachment: List of items for disaster preparedness and capacity building plan and COVID-19 response

Annex 1 - List of Items for anti-epidemic prevention, IFRC DPRK

No.	Goods description	Specification	QTY	UoM	HS Code	For What Purpose	Purchase Contract No.	Country of Origin	Shipment No. vs Transport Method	Transport Route	Parties involved in the transfer & value
1	Infrared Thermometers	Hand-held clinical infra-red thermometer with batteries	5900/16000	pcs		Anti - COVID 2019		China	by land /sea	China/Pyongyang	
2	Gloves, examination	Gloves, examination, nitrile, powder-free, non-sterile. Cuff length preferably reach midforearm (e.g., minimum 280mm total length. Sizes, S, M, L Outer glove should have long cuffs, reaching well above the wrist, ideally to mid-forearm.	5,600	boxes of 50 pairs		Anti - COVID 2019		China	by land /sea	China/Pyongyang	
3	Face shield	Made of clear plastic and provides good visibility to both the wearer and the patient. Adjustable band to attach firmly around the head and fit snugly against the forehead. Fog resistant (preferable). Completely cover the sides and length of the face. May be reusable (made of robust material which can be cleaned and disinfected) or disposable.	5,600	pcs		Anti - COVID 2019		China	by land /sea	China/Pyongyang	
4	Mask, surgical	Medical/surgical mask, high fluid resistance, good breathability, internal and external faces should be clearly identified, structured design that does not collapse against the mouth (e.g. duckbill, cup-shaped)	1,000,000	pcs		Anti - COVID 2019		China	by land /sea	China/Pyongyang	
5	Gown and protective boots	Single use, fluid resistant, disposable, length mid-calf to cover the top of the boots, light colours preferable to better detect possible contamination, thumb/finger loops or elastic cuff to anchor sleeves in place.	5,600	pcs		Anti - COVID 2019		China	by land /sea	China/Pyongyang	
6	Goggles, protective	Good seal with the skin of the face, Flexible PVC frame to easily fit with all face contours with even pressure, Enclose eyes and the surrounding areas. Accommodate wearers with prescription glasses. Clear plastic lens with fog and scratch resistant treatments, Adjustable band to secure firmly so as not to become loose during clinical activity. Indirect venting to avoid fogging. May be re-usable (provided appropriate arrangements for decontamination are in place) or disposable.	5,600	pcs		Anti - COVID 2019		China	by land /sea	China/Pyongyang	

Annex 1 - List of Items for Disaster Preparedness, IFRC DPRK

No.	Goods description	Specification	QTY (all)	UoM	HS Code	For What Purpose	Purchase Contract No.	Country of Origin	Shipment No. vs Transport Method	Transport Route	Parties involved in the transfer & value
1	Tarpaulin	TARPAULINS, woven plastic, 4 x 6 m, white/white, piece	16,000	pcs		Disaster preparedness		China	By land/sea	China/Pyongyang	
2	Blanket	Synthetic 1.2'2 m high thermal	3,000	pcs		Disaster preparedness		India	by Air/land/sea	India/China, Pyongyang	
3	Shelter tool kit	Diameter: 12mm +/- 0.5mm, Length: 30m, Weight: 1.9kg, Number of strand: 3 minimum, Type: twisted, Material: polypropylene, no recycled fibers, UV stabilized, Tensile strength: 300kg	620	set		Disaster preparedness		China	by land /sea	China/Pyongyang	
4	Family tent	TENT, FAMILY, 16 m2 double fly with ground sheet/55 kg	446	pcs		Disaster preparedness		China	by land/sea	China/Pyongyang	
5	Hygiene kits	Family hygiene kit (Disposable sanitary pads-4pcs, Hand Towel-5pcs, Mirror with plastic frame-1pcs, Toilet Paper-10pcs, Tooth brush medium-5pcs, Razor-2pcs, Comb-2pcs, Nail clipper-2pcs, Body Soap-6pcs, Laundry Soap-5pcs, Tooth-paste tube-2pcs, Laundry powder for cloth-1pcs)	4,000	set		Disaster preparedness		China	by land/sea	China/Pyongyang	
6	Chlorine, NaDCC	Household use, chlorine 40mg (NaDCC 67mg), 10L water, 1 tablet	2,340,000	pcs		Disaster preparedness		UK	by land/sea	China/Pyongyang	

15 December 2021

Dear Mr. Matheou,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 13 December 2021, conveying to the Committee a request for amendments to the exemption granted to IFRC on 2 December 2021, pursuant to paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, authorizing the procurement and shipment of materials and equipment for IFRC disaster preparedness, COVID-19 prevention and capacity-building in the DPRK, specifically in relation to increased quantities of approved items and an additional item.

The Chair has the further honour to inform IFRC that, following due consideration, the Committee has decided to approve the proposed amendments to the exemption.

The Committee would like to thank IFRC for its diligence.

(Signed)

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3 December 2021

Dear Mr. Matheou,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 29 November 2021, conveying to the Committee a request for an exemption, pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), for IFRC to engage in humanitarian activities in the DPRK, in particular to allow for the procurement and shipment of materials and equipment for IFRC disaster preparedness, COVID-19 prevention and capacity-building in the DPRK. I also note your request for a longer timeframe for the exemption, given the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 twelve 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 IFRC 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.

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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 twelve months.

The Committee would like to thank IFRC for its diligence.

(Signed)

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