

4 March 2022

Dear Ms. Chan,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your request to the Committee for an adjustment of the timeframe for the exemption granted on 6 May 2021, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular for the shipment of items proposed to be imported into the DPRK as part of the COVID-19 prevention and control activities of the DPRK Red Cross Society, by donating RT-PCR equipment, testing kits, and related items to local hospitals in the DPRK to support their efforts to prevent COVID-19, due to the delays in the purchasing of PCR equipment.

I wish to inform you that, following due consideration of the information provided, the Committee has decided to adjust the timeframe for the exemption until 4 September 2022, to allow for the shipment to the DPRK of the relevant items, in accordance with paragraph 25 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017).

The Committee would like to thank the Singapore Red Cross for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Mona Juul
Chair
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CC: UN Resident Coordinator a.i. in the DPRK, Pyongyang, DPRK



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7 May 2021

Dear Mr. Ang,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 19 April 2021, conveying to the Committee an exemption request pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017), in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, from the Singapore Red Cross to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular seeking a humanitarian exemption for items proposed to be imported into the DPRK as part of the COVID-19 prevention and control activities of the DPRK Red Cross Society, by donating RT-PCR equipment, testing kits, and related items to local hospitals in the DPRK to support their efforts to prevent COVID-19.

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 nine months, which is enclosed in this letter as an attachment. The Committee recommends that, to the best extent practicable, the items be consolidated into three shipments or less, 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 the Singapore Red Cross 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.

Mr. Desmond Ang
Manager
Singapore Red Cross

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 nine months.

The Committee would like to thank the Singapore Red Cross for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Mona Juul
Chair

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Attachment:

- List of Goods and Services for Transfer to the DPRK

Annexes to Singapore Red Cross humanitarian exemption

Instrument Type				
2 Plex	2 Plex HRM	5 Plex	5 Plex HRM	6 Plex

Instrument Parts			Quantity		
Picture	SAP Nr.	Part	[required]	[QC]	[IS]
		Zubehör Standard Standard Accessoires			
	9018903	72-Well Rotor (INSTALLED INTO THE UNIT)	1		
	9018904	Locking Ring 72-Well Rotor (INSTALLED INTO THE UNIT)	1		
	9018907	36-Well Rotor	1		
	9018906	36-Well Rotor Locking Ring	1		
	9018905	Loading Block 96 x 0.2 ml Tubes	1		
	9018901	Loading Block 72 x 0.1 ml Tubes	1		
	9018908	Rotor Holder with Allen Key	1		
	981103	Strip Tubes and Caps, 0.1 ml (250)	1		
	981005	PCR Tubes, 0.2ml (1000)	1		

Instrument Parts			Quantity		
Picture	SAP Nr.	Part	[required]	[QC]	[IS]
	9020343	Cable – Serial (RS 232)	1		
	9015126	Power Cord Set International	1		
	9020346	Cable - USB	1		
	9023241	SOW RGQ Software Version: _____	1		

Code Number	Item Description	Dimension per unit (L x B x H)	Weight	Qty
#9002020	Rotor-Gene Q MDx 5Plex	80 X 60 X 58 CM	28KG	1
#221415	QIAprep& Viral RNA UM Kit (600)	61.5 X 45.5 X 66 MM,	0.037 KGs	1
#221417	QIAprep& Viral RNA UM Kit (2400)	152 X 116 X 107 MM	0.181 KGs	1
#222015	SARS-CoV-2 N1+N2 assay kit (600)	63 X 47 X 67 MM	0.018 KGs	1
#222017	SARS-CoV-2 N1+N2 assay kit (2400)	63 X 47 X 67 MM	0.023 KGs	1

	Description
1	Equipment itself is at 28.6cm (H) x 42cm (L) x 37cm (W)
2	Equipment is able to run up to 100 samples, but with the help of liquid handler. But manual pipette could accommodate up to 72 samples.
3	Equipment must come with up to 5 channels for multiplexing applications
4	Equipment must be able to operate and work with sample volume of range 1-200 μ l
5	Must be 21 CFR Part 11 Compliance
6	Equipment will be used on patient samples hence must be registered with CE IVD mark
7	Must heating ramp rate of up to $>15^{\circ}\text{C/s}$ and cooling of $>20^{\circ}\text{C/s}$. This will help speed up cycle and user will then be able to monitor the ramp rate for a more controlled environment
8	Must have fast cycling without compromising performance is achieved using a novel PCR additive that enables cycler run times of as low as 39 minutes
9	Temperature Uniformity of not more than $\pm 0.03^{\circ}\text{C}$
10	Temperature accuracy should be $\pm 0.25^{\circ}\text{C}$
11	Equipment must have a uniform detection
12	Heating method is not be via peltier block hence consistent temperature uniformity across the same plate of wells
13	Must be equipped with a unique rotary design for complete confidence in your results. Each tube spins in a chamber of moving air, keeping all samples at precisely the same temperature during fast thermal cycling.
14	Equipment must be able to support multiple reaction tube formats to suit a range of needs.
15	Rotor formats can be changed within a quick 3 seconds to cater for different type of tubes and higher throughput.
16	Data security is must be assured and all process steps are trackable from starting the run to exporting the results
17	No need for optical alignment or calibration
18	Must come with highly stable LEDs to eliminate cumbersome and costly changing of lamps or lasers