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7 August 2019

Dear Ms. Burkholder,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 10 July 2019, requesting an amendment in relation to the exemption granted to MCC by the Committee on 15 March 2019 to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) aimed at improving children's health and nutrition, in particular to adjust the timeframe for the exemption due to delays in procurement and shipment of items, in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No.7.

I have the honour to inform you that, following due consideration of the information provided, the Committee has decided to adjust the timeframe for the procurement and shipment of the relevant items until 5 February 2020, in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017).

The Committee would like to thank MCC for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Christoph Heusgen
Chair
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Ms. Rebecca Burkholder
Area Director for Central Southern and Northeast Asia
Mennonite Central Committee

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

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15 March 2019

Dear Mr. Rice,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 25 February 2019, requesting the Committee for an exemption 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) aimed at improving children's health and nutrition, in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7.

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 six 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 letter 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 letter 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 MCC 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. Christopher Rice
Mennonite Central Committee
Representative for Northeast Asia

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 six months.

The Committee would like to thank MCC for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Christoph Heusgen
Chair
Security Council Committee established
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CC: UN Resident Coordinator in the DPRK, Pyongyang, DPRK

Attachment:

- List of Goods and Services for Transfer to the DPRK



Annex 1: MCC 2019 UN Sanctions Exemption

Detailed Descriptions with Quantities/Specifications of goods/services, purpose, distribution (receiving entity)



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Project 1: Water Filters and Buckets							
Item	Description	Qty	Specifications	HS Code	Purchase origin	Purpose	Distribution
1.1	Water filter and bucket	360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 gallon food grade bucket with metal handle and lid, pre-drilled hole for filter placements and sticker with instructions Sawyer SP 180 PointOne Filter with bucket adapter kit 	Water bucket: 392690 Water filter: 842121	US	Provide safe, clean drinking water to pediatric patients and their families suffering from chronic diarrhea	Kangwon Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Wonsan City); South Pyongan Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Pyongsong City); and North Hwanghae Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Sariwon)
Project 2: Metal Nail Clippers and Safety Pins as Part of Hygiene, Relief, and Infant Care Kits							
Item	Description	Qty	Specifications	HS Code	Purchase origin	Purpose	Distribution
2.1	Hygiene Kits with nail clippers	2,500	1 handmade cloth bag, 1 toothbrush, 1 bar bath soap, 1 comb 1 hand towel, 1 fingernail clipper 	Handmade cloth bag: 630520 Toothbrush: 960321 Bar bath soap: 340111 Comb: 961511 Hand towel: 630260 Fingernail clipper: 821420	In-kind donations from MCC constituents in US	Provide pediatric patients with immediate access to basic hygiene supplies to assist in recovering from illness	Kangwon Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Wonsan City); South Pyongan Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Pyongsong City); and North Hwanghae Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Sariwon)

2.2	Relief Kits with nail clippers and metal bucket handles	1,000	<p>1 5 gallon bucket with metal handle and lid, 4 bars soap, 1 bottle shampoo, 4 bars laundry soap, 4 toothbrushes, 4 bath towels, 2 combs, 1 fingernail clipper, 1 box adhesive bandages, 1 pack sanitary pads</p> 	<p>Water bucket: 392690 Bar soap: 340111 Shampoo: 3305.10 Toothbrush: 960321 Bath towel: 630260 Combs: 961511 Fingernail clipper: 821420 Bandages: 300510 Sanitary pads: 961900</p>			
2.3	Infant care kits with safety pins	1,250	<p>3 gown/sleeper, 3 onesies, 1 receiving blanket, 4 large, heavy-duty safety pins, 1 bar soap, 1 pair socks, 1 cap</p> 	<p>Infant gown: 611120 Onesies: 611120 Receiving blankets: 6301300 Safety pins: 731940 Bar soap: 340111 Socks: 611592 Caps:</p>			



650500

Project 3: Pediatric Surgical Tools

Item	Description	Qty	Specifications	HS Code	Purchase origin	Purpose	Distribution
3.1	ENT head mirror	15	<p>ENT head mirrors used for examining the ear, nose, and throat of a patient. Metal mirror with hole and head strap.</p> 	901890	US	For examining pediatric patient's ears, nose or throat. Any light source will enable a physician to utilize the head mirror.	Kangwon Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Wonsan City); South Pyongan Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Pyongsong City); and North Hwanghae Provincial Pediatric Hospital (Sariwon)
3.2	Magill Forceps EMT Anesthesia Surgical Instruments	6	<p>6 inch surgical stainless steel forceps</p> 	901890	US	Used to remove foreign bodies or during surgery. Size is appropriate for pediatric applications.	
3.3	Alligator Forceps set	6	<p>3.5,5.5, and 6.5 inch surgical stainless steel serrated forceps</p> 	901890	US	Used to remove foreign bodies or during surgery. Size is appropriate for pediatric applications.	

3.4	Pediatric Gelpi Retractors	3	3.5 inch surgical stainless steel retractor 	901890	US	Used to separate the edges of a surgical incision or wound, or to hold back underlying organs and tissues so that body parts under the incision may be accessed. Small sized instruments appropriate for pediatric surgeries.	
3.5	Weitlaner Retractors	3 sets	Set of 4.5", 5.5", 6.5", and 7" Blunt 3x4 prong surgical stainless steel instruments 	901890	US	Used to separate the edges of a surgical incision or wound, or to hold back underlying organs and tissues so that body parts under the incision may be accessed. Small sized instruments appropriate for pediatric surgeries.	

Project 4: Soymilk Delivery Containers

Item	Description	Qty	Specifications	HS Code	Purchase origin	Purpose	Distribution
4.1	Stainless steel soymilk delivery containers	50	25L stainless steel, food-grade containers for transferring soymilk with handles and sealing lid  	732393	China	Used to transport soymilk daily to orphanages and kindergartens	Pyongsong Children's Foodstuffs Factory

Annex 2: MCC 2019 UN Sanctions Exemption

Table of proposed transfers: Dates, Routes, Methods, Departure/Entry, Identifiable Parties, Financial Transfers



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Project 1: Water Filters and Buckets						
Item	Description	Shipping Date	Shipping Method	Shipping Route	Identifiable Parties	Payment Method
1.1	5 gallon plastic bucket with metal handle Water filter	Within 6 months of exemption approval, desired date June 2019	Sent in 1 40 foot sea container with other goods and hand-delivered to hospitals	Buckets and filters will ship by sea departing from Ephrata, PA, USA to Nampo via Dalian	Buckets: Letica Corporation Water filters: Sawyer Products	Credit card or check to US vendor
Project 2: Metal Nail Clippers and Safety Pins as Part of Hygiene, Relief, and Infant Care Kits						
Item	Description	Shipping Date	Shipping Method	Shipping Route	Identifiable Parties	Payment Method
2.1	Relief Kits with nail clippers and metal bucket handle	Within 6 months of exemption approval, desired date June 2019	Sent in 1 40 foot sea container with other goods	Ship by sea departing from Ephrata, PA, USA to Nampo via Dalian	In-kind donation from MCC constituents	Shipping and customs fees paid by check or wire transfer
2.2	Hygiene Kits with nail clippers					
2.3	Infant Care Kits with safety pins					
Project 3: Pediatric Surgical Tools						
Item	Description	Shipping Date	Shipping Method	Shipping Route	Identifiable Parties	Payment Method
3.1	ENT Head Mirror	Delivered by hand during monitoring visit in May 2019	Delivered by hand	Commercial flight in luggage from US via Beijing to Pyongyang	Online US-based vendor	Credit card
3.2	Magill Forceps EMT Anesthesia Surgical Instruments					
3.3	Alligator Forceps					
3.4	Pediatric Gelpi Retractors					
3.5	Weitlaner Retractors					
Project 4: Soymilk Delivery Containers						
Item	Description	Shipping Date	Shipping Method	Shipping Route	Identifiable Parties	Payment Method
4.1	Stainless steel soymilk delivery containers	Within 6 months of exemption approval	From China in one shipment	Dandong to Sinuiju to Pyongsong	Dandong-based company	Wire transfer directly to China supplier