

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
DECISION BRIEFING NOTE**

Cliff # 1199662

PREPARED FOR: Peter Pokorny, Associate Deputy Minister - **FOR DECISION**

TITLE: Stop Shipment of Products to British Columbia

PURPOSE: Approve a stop shipment request to the National Emergency Strategic Stockpile and Public Health Agency of Canada

BACKGROUND:

Over the past year British Columbia has received donations of personal protective equipment and critical supplies from the federal government;^{s.16}

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Provinces and territories can request 'stop shipments' on specific products from the federal government in order to avoid receiving products that cannot be used or are in abundant supply in that jurisdiction.

DISCUSSION:

Provinces and territories requesting a stop shipment for any National Emergency Strategic Stockpile and/or Public Health Agency of Canada personal protective equipment and/or critical supplies are required to submit the request through the COVID-19 Federal Provincial Territorial Logistics Advisory Committee Secretariat. These requests require executive level approval by the province (see Attachment A: Stop Shipment Approval Form).

The below table lists the items identified by the Provincial Health Services Authority Supply Chain, as not being required by British Columbia.

Category	Description	Rationale
Masks/respirators	s.13; s.17; s.21	s.21

OPTIONS:

Option 1: Approve and sign the attached stop shipment request form for the items listed.

Pros:

- The Federal Government can direct these goods to alternate organizations.
- Warehouse space will not be used to store items which are not used by the health care system.

Cons:

- British Columbia's inventory of contingency items will not grow. There are currently s.17 in contingency.

Option 2: Do not approve the attached stop shipment request for the items listed.

Pros:

- British Columbia's inventory of contingency quality goods continues to grow.

Cons:

- Additional warehouse space will be required on an ongoing basis to store the growing contingency inventory.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

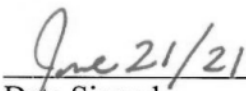
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RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1: Approve and sign the attached stop shipment request for the items listed.



Approved/Not Approved
Peter Pokorny
Associate Deputy Minister of Health



Date Signed

Attachment A – Stop Shipment Approval Form

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**BC MINISTRY OF HEALTH
STOP SHIPMENT REQUEST**

REQUEST: Stop Shipment of Products to British Columbia

Issue Purpose:

Provinces/territories that are considering a stop shipment for any National Emergency Strategic Stockpile and/or Public Health Agency of Canada personal protective equipment and/or critical supplies are required to submit the request through the Logistics Advisory Committee Secretariat.

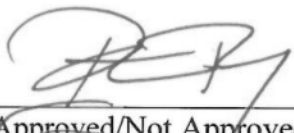
Stop shipments arise when a province/territory has received or procured sufficient quantity of personal protective equipment and critical supplies, and no longer requires additional stock or does not use a particular item in their jurisdiction.

In the summer 2020, the Ministry of Health implemented a process for stop shipment requests to be approved at the Deputy Minister level.


Stop Shipment Item:

British Columbia is requesting the stop shipment from the Public Health Agency of Canada and National Emergency Strategic Stockpile for the following personal protective equipment and critical supplies:

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Masks/respirators	s.13; s.17; s.21	s.21



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