



Minister of Health
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Mrs
Stella Kyriakides
European Commissioner for Health
and Food Safety

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you regarding the 10 million KN95 GB2626-2006 masks procured by the Commission (DG SANTE) via the Emergency Support Instrument (ESI).

We are very thankful that Poland was allocated a large part of 616 000 masks within the first allotment. However, as we did not receive CE certificates, raised concerns of our experts regarding the fulfillment of the standards required for KN95 masks. We have communicated our concerns to your services, and I have requested that a sample of the masks is sent for checking tests to the Central Institute for Labour Protection – National Research Institute (Polish notified body for PPE) upon their delivery.

The results came in this morning, and the outcome is negative: **the masks do not meet the necessary requirements for FFP2 masks and should not be used by medical professional treating COVID-19 patients. Moreover this samples do not meet the standards of any FFP (1, 2 nor 3) masks.** Therefore, it is of utmost importance to inform other Member States of our results, in order to prevent putting medical professionals at risk as the masks do not protect against coronavirus. As these masks cannot be used in accordance with the purpose they have been bought, and do not meet essential criteria, we would strongly suggest, that the seller should provide masks fulfilling the requirements of the standard GB2626-2006, as per the terms of the agreement.

Best regards,



Łukasz Szumowski