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Dear Health Ministry of Turkey, Mr. Fahrettin Koca

The Covid-19 pandemic is a tragic situation and in order to fight it, the Portuguese government needs to import surgical masks and FFP 2 and FFP 3 respirators.

The Portuguese government has maintained close contacts with Turkish private companies, namely Oasipor-Medicalwear SA, which has made great efforts to make the equipment available. This material is essential to protect the frontline healthcare professionals that take care of Portuguese patients infected by Covid-19.

Oasipor-Medicalwear S.A. has already bought and paid three hundred thousand (300 000) FFP 2 respirators to the company OLEY TIBBI URUNLER Ve MEDICAL MLZ. SAN. TIC. LTD. STI. Parseller Mh. Menekşe Cad. No.:2 Feyyaz sk ÜMRANIYE - ISTANBUL / TURKEY and ordered another three hundred thousand.

The Turkish company has not been able to fulfill these orders, as the export licenses were suspended by an export ban issued by the Turkish government.

In total, there are six hundred thousand respirators ordered, of which three hundred thousand have already been object of an export license application, while the other three hundred thousand are waiting for the licensing process, which has not yet started because of the current export ban.



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Therefore, Dear Minister, I kindly request the help of the Turkish government, so this situation can be solved and the referred FFP 2 respirators be allowed to be exported to Portugal.

These materials are essential to prevent further spread of Covid-19 across our country.

Confident you will give your best attention and cooperation to the matter.

Kind Regards,

Marta Temido
Health Minister of Portugal