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To: Provincial and Territorial Ministries of Health

Subject: N95 NIOSH Certification rescission of all GWT Respiratory Masks

Health Canada has become aware of a decision of the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to rescind the N95 NIOSH certification of all GWT respiratory masks (including the K320 model) manufactured by Guangzhou Weini Technology and Development Co., Ltd. (GWT). Therefore, we are asking for your assistance in ensuring that appropriate staff within your provincial or territorial jurisdiction are aware that they should not be promoting or using these N95 respiratory masks against airborne communicable diseases.

Given these masks are no longer NIOSH N95 certified, they should not be distributed to, or used by any health care provider as protection against airborne communicable diseases. Only masks that continue to meet the NIOSH N95 certification should be used. As a precautionary measure, please ensure that they are removed from circulation. There continues to be a sufficient supply of other NIOSH N95 certified masks to meet all current requirements.

For further information, please contact the Health Products Branch by calling toll-free hotline at 1-800-267-9675.

Yours truly,

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