

7 October 2024

Dear Ms. Bechdol,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 20 September 2024, requesting the Committee for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 2397 (2017) and in accordance with Implementation Assistance Notice No. 7, to engage in humanitarian activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in particular allow the importation of items related to the FAO project to support farmers by introducing digital technologies and innovations in agriculture, which is also aimed to develop a digital ecosystem baseline together with identifying, developing and implementing selected digital solutions for increased agricultural production and improve food and nutrition security, in particular for vulnerable groups including children and pregnant or lactating women. I further note that the request is for an exceptional 12 months for the exemption, due to the border restrictions of the DPRK.

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), as well as an extended timeframe for the exemption on an exceptional basis, to transfer the items outlined in your letter within the next 12 months, which is enclosed in this letter as an attachment. The items are requested to be shipped once together or in a consolidated matter, with a view to increasing efficiency and custom clearance.

Ms. Elizabeth Bechdol  
Deputy Director-General  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
Rome  
Italy

The Committee further supports and approves FAO 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.

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 12 months.

The Committee would like to thank FAO for its diligence.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed)*

Pascale Baeriswyl  
Chair

Security Council Committee established  
pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

Attachment:

- List of items for transfer to the DPRK

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

1718 Committee Exemption Request for proposed humanitarian assistance:  
Project title: Strengthening digital agriculture ecosystem and developing e-agriculture solutions ( TCP/DRK/3901)

Annex II: Detailed list of items and specifications for proposed humanitarian assistance  
19/08/2024

Item No.	Material Description	HS code	Make	Model	Manufacturer	Specifications	Country of Origin	Unit	Quantity	Value	Purpose of item for project	Beneficiary	Planned date(s) of transfer	Port of Departure	Port of Entry	Parties involved in transaction
1	Rice-transplanter	8432	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			•Capacity: 12 hp •Single Cylinder Diesel Engine •With the trailer •working width:2m, •seeding planting line:10 line, •productivity: over 2ha/day,	China	pc.	4	\$4,000	Rapid transport of crops to shelter in event of flooding, transport of water in event of drought.	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
2	Combined Thresher	8433	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			•Electric, voltage 220/380 •Production capacity 400-500 kg/h •working width:2m, •productivity: over 2-3ha/day, •cleaning rate: 98%, •threshing rate: 100-20%	China	pc.	4	\$16,000	Rapid threshing of crops produced in demonstration farms to reduce loss	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
3	Greenhouse	9406	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			•Engine: gasoline •Flow 75 m3/h •power: 5.5 kw •Width 5m*length 70m*height 3m	China	pc.	3	\$15,000	Digitalization of formation on agro-production environment and its data base as means of DA	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
4	Computer	8471	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			DELL,CPU:i7-7G,3.6GHz, RAM: 8 GB,HDD:1TB,LCD:20in,VRAM: NVIDIA GTX 4GB	China	pc.	3	\$3,000	Analysing information for target farms, making of database, making-decision	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
5	Laptop	8471	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			CPU : Corei7 6G 2.5GHz * 8,RAM : 12G byte HDD : 1TByte,VRAM : NVIDIA GT X 950M 4Gbyte	China	pc.	2	\$2,500	Analysing information for target farms, making of database, making-decision	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
6	External HDD	8471	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Better than 1TB, 100MB/s( for External SSD)	China	pc.	2	\$2,000	Analysing information for target farms, making of database, making-decision	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
7	Digital camera	8525	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Sony alfa3	China	pc.	1	\$500	Analysing information for target farms, making of database, making-decision	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
8	Video production equipment	8525	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Sony alfa3	China	pc.	1	\$3,000	Analysing information for target farms, making of database, making-decision	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
9	Printer (Canon MP236)	8443	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Canon MP236	China	pc.	1	\$200	Analysing information for target farms, making of database, making-decision	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
10	Printer (Colour, Canon)	8443	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.			Colour, Canon	China	pc.	1	\$500	Analysing information for target farms, making of database, making-decision	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yomju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.

11	Fertilizer(NPK)	3105	Tendering to be done contingent on approval of exemption request and therefore currently unknown.	1:0.7:0.5	China	tones	55.00	\$18,500	An increase in grain production as means of DA	One Cooperative Farm in Pyongyang City, one farm in South Pyongan Province and the other two farms in Yonju County, North Pyongan Province	Earliest possible and no later than February 2024, contingent on re-opening of Sino-DPRK border for shipment.	Dandong	Siniuju	All materials will be sourced from China and payments made to suppliers outside of DPRK using EFT. Tendering will be done once sanctions exemption has been approved. Therefore it is not possible to identify specific suppliers.
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