

Special Notice

To: All Sri Lanka Well Wishers/ Sri Lankan Community members in Israel,

Request for Donation of Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits to Sri Lanka

In order to manage the spread of the COVID -19 OMICRON Variant in Sri Lanka, the State Ministry of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals of Sri Lanka has requested all Sri Lanka Well Wishers and members of the Sri Lankan community abroad to donate the Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits which are urgently required for the government hospitals in Sri Lanka.

Accordingly, if any Sri Lanka well wisher/ patriotic Sri Lankan community member wishes to donate the above items, please provide the quantities of the item to enable this Embassy to facilitate through the COVID -19 Focal Point of the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka to obtain necessary approvals from the National Medicine Regulatory Authority (NMRA) which is a prerequisite for such donations.

The Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka has further informed that the donors should bear the cost of transportation of the air freight and ground handling at the place of origin. In exceptional cases where it is a donation of significant size, the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka on the request of this Embassy will request the Sri Lankan Airlines to transport the items on free of charge basis and the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka will incur cost to clear the items as diplomatic cargo on arrival as well as to transport the items from the Bandaranaike International Airport.

The Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka has also informed that the Ministry of Health of Sri Lanka will decide on the hospitals to which the donations will be distributed and all donation are acknowledged by the Ministry of Health with information on the hospitals to which the items will be distributed.

For further information/clarification in this regard, please contact the following officer of the Embassy.

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Item Specification of SARS Cov-2 Rapid Ag Assay (ICT/ Lateral Flow Method).

Item Specification

Consists of

- Immunochromatographic assays/ lateral flow device assay to detect SARS CoV-2 specific antigen using nasopharyngeal
- 2. Test kit should have full registration at NMRA (should provide documented evidence).
- WHO, CE IVD, FDA or equivocal emergency usage authorization for invitro diagnosis service (need to provide traceable documented evidence of such authorization).
- Manufacturer leaflet should be available in English language with detailed testing procedure.
- 5. The test kit should have sensitivity more than 80% among samples with SARS CoV-2 PCR CT value up to 30,
- 6. Specificity of the test kit should be more than 97% compared to SARS CoV-2 PCR assay.
- 7. There should be manufacturer's valid certification with documented evidence that the test kit performance is the same across all SARS CoV-2 Variants of Concerns detected to date (according to WHO classification) and regular updated performance checks against new variants should be conveyed to NMRA in writing.
- 8. The test kit should have its own sterile individually wrapped nasopharyngeal swab, test device, buffer/medium and needed other reagents/ consumables/ tubes/ dropper to perform the test as a point of care test or field test.
- 9. Results should be available within 15-30 minutes time.
- 10. Kit should have appropriate biosafety features for testing procedure and ultimate discard of the used material.
- 11. Should have authorization letter from the manufacturer to the local agent.