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Team

Worth casting your eye down this email chain to familiarise yourself with our ongoing attempts to streamline the approach to placing orders and adjust our risk appetite accordingly.

In summary - whilst we will not take a risk on issuing sub-standard PPE to frontline staff (so following the CST condition on inspection here in the UK before issue), we need to take more risk on buying potentially sub-standard kit in order to secure it at all. David Williams, Jon and I are all ok with that for the next 6 weeks or so while we are at material risk of 'stock outs'. **I would like us to adopt this immediately whilst we concurrently square off with HMT.**

The secondary purpose of this note is to confirm that Jon and I have agreed this morning, that to further expediate things, we are prepared to **provide an AO approval in principle to any PPE product that is in extreme scarcity** (we are defining as <1-week supply according to the attached model).

What "approval in principle" means is: assuming that you are content that the deal on the table meets the basic sniff tests as laid out in the current (being revised) 2-page 'Request for approval of spend against HMT Delegated Funding',