

**TO:** Clients of the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales

**FROM:** Patrick Baillargeon, Director of Procurement of  
Laboratory and Medical Imaging Supplies

**DATE:** July 23, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation issued by Health Canada regarding face  
masks containing nanoform graphene

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This notice is further to the issue of an update by Health Canada on July 13, 2021, to inform Canadians that no health risks of concern were found with the use of face masks containing nanoform graphene sold in Canada.

The recommendation contains the following:

“The review found that biomass graphene particles are not shed from these masks in quantities that are likely to cause adverse lung effects. Health Canada also determined that the filtration performance of these masks meets the performance standard listed on the label.

As a result, given the evidence supporting the safety and effectiveness of these products, Health Canada is permitting the sale of the four Shandong Shengquan New Materials Co. Ltd. mask models to resume in Canada.”

Last June, the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) carried out a mass recall of SNN200642 masks containing nanoform graphene materials, following an advisory issued by Health Canada on March 25, 2021, concerning the potential risks of using them. These masks, which complied with all regulations in force at the time of their procurement and distribution, particularly the ASTM F2100 standards, were distributed by Revenu Québec in recent months (see photo below).



**The CAG would like to inform its clients that it will no longer be recalling SNN200642 masks containing nanofarm graphene materials, and that the masks can be used from now on.**

Please pass on this information to the parties concerned.

For additional information, please contact the COVID unit at the CAG, at [covid.unite@cag.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:covid.unite@cag.gouv.qc.ca).

Encl. Health Canada recommendation