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Regulation (EU) 2025/1197¹ imposes a measure under the International Procurement Instrument (IPI), restricting the access of Chinese bidders and Chinese medical devices to the EU public procurement market. This measure applies to all EU procurement procedures of medical devices under the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) - codes 33100000-1 to 33199000-1², including medical gloves, with an estimated value equal to or above 5 million EUR net of value added tax (VAT)³. The measure does not distinguish between single-product tenders and multi-product bundled tenders; its application is defined by the main CPV code of a tender. If the main CPV code is within the scope of the IPI measure, the measure shall apply to the entire procedure if the value of the tender is equal to or above EUR 5 million net of VAT. In designing the IPI measure, the Commission is bound by the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031⁴.

Stockpiling of medical countermeasures is indeed one of the core areas of work within the Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority's mandate. In this respect, the Commission ensures that the EU maintains preparedness for specific cross-border health threats by stockpiling essential medical goods including personal protective equipment to be deployed in crisis times under rescEU. These stockpiles are fully funded by the EU grants given to Member States, which procure the items in line with the terms of the grants and EU legislation.

The Commission is currently preparing the revision of the public procurement framework⁵. The evaluation report has been published on 14 October 2025⁶. On this basis the Commission will develop a public procurement proposal that should also consider resilience and affordability aspects.

¹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1197 of 19 June 2025 imposing an International Procurement Instrument measure restricting the access of economic operators and medical devices originating in the People's Republic of China to the European Union public procurement market for medical devices pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2022/1031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, OJ L, 20 June 2025; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/1197/oj/eng.

² As defined in Regulation (EC) No 2195/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002 on the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) (OJ L 340, 16 December 2002, p. 1.; <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2002/2195/oj/eng>.

³ Value-added tax.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2022/1031 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2022 on the access of third-country economic operators, goods and services to the union's public procurement and concession markets and procedures supporting negotiations on access of union economic operators, goods and services to the public procurement and concession markets of third countries (international procurement instrument – IPI), OJ L173, 30 June 2022, p. 1; <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/1031/oj/eng>.

⁵ EU public procurement rules – revision: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/15492-EU-public-procurement-rules-revision_en.

⁶ [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD\(2025\)332&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD(2025)332&lang=en).