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Between 20 and 26 countries are participating in the four joint procurement procedures on personal protective equipment, ventilators and laboratory equipment, under the joint procurement agreement of medical countermeasures (JPA)¹ depending on the tender concerned. Member States can order the equipment now.

The Commission gathers the needs of Member States and manages the procurement process according to the EU financial rules² and the JPA. The aim is to improve economies of scale and support equitable access to the market.

Information related to procurement procedures is confidential until the contracts are signed. Once signed, the information about the participating countries will be published in the supplement to the Official Journal³.

Quantities and delivery schedules depend on the market response to the procurement process.

The exact delivery schedules and distribution depend on the timing of the individual orders placed by the participating countries.

Under the JPA, the Member States share their needs and orders in confidence and the Commission will not communicate breakdowns by country without prior authorisation.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/health/preparedness_response/joint_procurement_en

² Decision No 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 on serious cross-border threats to health (OJ L 293, 5.11.2013, p. 1-15) provides for the joint procurement of medical countermeasures to be conducted pursuant to Article 104(1) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (Financial Regulation) and Article 133 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 on the rules of application of Regulation No 966/2012, which have been repealed and replaced by the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

³ <https://ted.europa.eu/>