

WEEEEKLY HOLDS UPDATE

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HIGHLIGHTS

- * **The trend of holds releases continues albeit at much slower pace**
- * **Monitoring database made available to UNOHCI for initial comments and testing**
- * **Major vaccines applications worth total of \$10.5M approved under the condition of monitoring, presence of 1051 goods notwithstanding**
- * **Additional applications in health (medical equipment and supplies), telecommunications (microwave links) and education (T.V. station equipment) sectors released from hold**

1. The holds stand at **US\$3,171.0M** or some US\$123.0M more compared to US\$3.046M last week *[please note that the increase of \$123.0M is largely due to the fact that some applications on hold had been null-and-void last week while being transferred to another phase, thus not appearing at the last week update]*

2. The total number of applications on hold is **1,294 (to include 858 humanitarian applications)** or 40 less than last week. However, due to the higher value placed on hold than released and the transfers referred to above, the overall value of holds has actually gone up. The relative value of holds was also marginally higher -- **14.7 percent** of the total value circulated to the Committee or **11.9 percent** of the value circulated to the Committee AND approved by OIP (based on pre-approved lists).

3. Oil spare parts applications on hold remain almost the same if compared to last week, with the total value of **US\$426.0M** (and US\$428.0M respectively last week).

4. **GENERAL TRENDS:** After a short break in releases during the last week, the releases continued this week, although at much slower pace. Total of **69 applications worth 58.7M** were released last week in two small batches. Details are given in the separate lists attached to this e-mail. At the same time, holds continued an "upward trend" as well, totaling **30 applications worth US\$74.92M** last week. Most common reasons remain request for additional technical information and presence of 1051/dual use goods.

5. **MONITORING DATABASE:** OIP started replicating monitoring database to UNOHCI during the last week. Comments and suggestions are awaited and will be greatly appreciated. Once the access is tested and completed, OIP will move to the next stage of the project – providing a degree of access to the monitoring database to the 661 Committee members.

6. **VACCINES AND SERA APPROVED UNDER THE CONDITION OF MONITORING:** On Friday, the Committee approved four applications worth total of **\$10.48M** containing various vaccines and sera (to include some 1051 ones)

under the condition of end-use monitoring. The fact that the applications containing 1051 goods have been approved without ever being placed on hold is much to the credit of the end-use monitoring/observation system. The approved applications include:

802572(M)	\$4.51M	Vaccines(to include rabies, tetanus, German Measles, DPT, DT, MMR, measles, meningococcal, pneumococcal and 20M doses of oral polio vaccine)
802573(M)	\$0.44M	Rabies Ig
900685(M)	\$5.23M	(same as 802572 above)
900684(M)	\$0.3M	(same as 802573 above)

Please note that all four applications (clearly 2+2 sets) were submitted by a Jordanian company MASS, but the origin of goods is France. The submission and subsequent approval of these applications comes following the recent cancellation of applications for OPV from Yugoslavia. Presumably, the above applications, in particular in phase VIII, have been submitted as a substitute. Given the quantities approved, once the vaccines are delivered to Iraq the reported shortages should be resolved. It would be very important for the Health SWG to observe and monitor these goods with appropriate comments on utilization, coverage of needs, cold chain efficiency, etc.

7. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER THE CONDITION OF MONITORING:

Apart from the vaccines, the Committee approved additional applications under the condition of monitoring last Friday. These instances clearly show that the system of end-use monitoring has taken root and is yielding positive results as intended. Without efficient system of end-use monitoring that has trust of the 661 Committee members, all these applications would have likely been placed on hold for either containing 1051 or "dual use" items. Additional approvals included:

802249 (L)	\$1.45M	Steel
900563 (A)	\$0.84M	150kVA gen-sets
900686 (A)	\$0.3M	Pesticides

8. HEALTH: A number of medical applications were released from hold last week to include:

701129(M)	\$4.70M	20 Ultrasound units
802357(M)	\$3.99M	Orthopedic and prosthetic supplies
802144(M)	\$3.74M	Medical Equipment
802252(M)	\$2.21M	Diagnostic reagents and kits
802317(M)	\$0.38M	Medical appliances (endoscopy)
802278(M)	\$0.13M	Kitchen Equipment
802457(M)	\$0.11M	Turbidity Meters
802328(M)	\$0.09M	Laboratory Reagents

9. TELECOMMUNICATIONS: As a further indication of "softening" of the position concerning holds on some types of telecommunication equipment, namely telephone switchboards, microwave and radio equipment, the following two comms were released from hold last week: :

Comm. 801767(T)	\$1.83M	Microwave monitoring system
Comm. 601147(T)	\$0.57M	Microwave station equipment

In a related development, the US released from hold two oil industry related comms for communication equipment (comms. 631064 and 53346). The US also released two additional comms (701331 and 702099) that, for the time being remain on hold by the UK, both for "pending further evaluation". We have contacted the UK on the matter and there are some indications that the UK, too, would releases the following two comms, possibly as early as the end of this week:

10. **EDUCATION:** Several applications for T.V. station/system equipment worth **US\$6.8M** were released from hold this week, to include the following:

601287
601290
601320 (\$3.36M)
601582
601590

(*) The US also released two additional comms in this category worth total of US\$5.55M (**Comms. 802422 and 802423**). However, both remain on hold by the UK for precise end-use/user locations for the equipment.

11. **Total of 69 applications worth US\$58.7M** were released last week, to include the following:

800487 (A)	\$12.86M	Center Pivot Irrig.	Fiberglass tanks replaced
801575 (T)	\$5.73M	Cranes/parts	
900432 (Q)	\$4.56M	Trucks	

22 oil spares applications \$4.27M (to include 13 for Basrah Refinery)

12. **Total of 30 applications worth US\$74.92M** were placed on hold during the last week, including the following applications:

900663(Q)	\$25.4M	Tipper Trucks	Specs on pumps, valves
702657(L)	\$13.5M	Water treatment eq.	1051, specs on valves, filters, etc.
702416(A)	\$ 7.4M	Tractors (parts)	Specs in English needed
900111(A)	\$ 3.98M	Water pumps	Specs, to incl. material comp.
900634(Q)	\$ 3.7M	Trucks	List of special tools, test eq.
802564(M)	\$ 2.94M	Medical eq.	1051, WMD dual use, specs
900632(H)	\$ 2.16M	Spare parts	Specs on valves, etc.
830360(O)	\$ 1.85M	Trucks	Heavy low beds - WMD dual use