

Dear Ms. McKeown:

Thank you for your letter of November 14.

At Thermo Fisher Scientific, we design our products with great care, follow rigorous trade export policies, and work with governments to contribute to good global policy overall. As the world leader in serving science, we recognize the importance of considering how our products and services are used – or could potentially be used.

As you are no doubt aware, our Human Identification (HID) products are used by law enforcement officials all over the world to solve serious crimes such as rape, murder, and serious bodily harm. The volume of HID products that we provide to law enforcement officials in Tibet is consistent with the rate of these crimes in the region and also with the normal volume of purchases, we would experience for similar customers doing criminal casework across the globe. In addition, we have multi-level purchasing review processes which include monitoring, holding, and reviewing prior to release, any orders for an unusual or unexpected amount of our HID kits.

Furthermore, we are investigating the September 2022 agreement referenced in your letter and at this time we show no record of it in our systems. If you could provide more details, we can research this further as we do not have any orders of the magnitude mentioned in media reports.

We are proud to be a part of the many positive ways in which our Human Identification products have been applied, from tracking down criminals to stopping human trafficking and freeing the unjustly accused. We are committed to continuing to deliver those benefits to our customers, consistent with our mission to enable our customers to make the world healthier, cleaner, and safer.

Best Regards,
Sandy Pound, Vice President, Chief Communications Officer