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For your information:

NIOSH Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), see below.

There is a list in the second email link listed below called “Strategies for Optimizing the Supply” of N95 Respirators: Crisis/Alternate Strategies, it reviews different masks/countries/markings.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirators-strategy/crisis-alternate-strategies.html>

While the KN95 product classifications have similar performance requirements to the NIOSH-approved N95, CDC does not have knowledge about the provisions for sustained product quality for these products. These products are not certified by NIOSH. Chinese national standards may also allow for different head suspensions, such as ear loops, that are commonly used on surgical or medical masks, but not NIOSH-approved N95 respirators or Surgical N95 respirators.

That being said, on March 24, 2020, FDA issued a [Non-NIOSH Approved Respirator Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#) concerning non-NIOSH-approved respirators that have been approved in other countries. Standards and guidelines from Australia, Brazil, Europe, Japan, Korea, and Mexico are recognized. In support of this, FDA also issued a [Non-FDA Approved Respirator EUA FAQ](#).

I hope that is helpful! Let me know if you have any other questions.

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