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To whom it may concern

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Re Statement with regard to the availability of Dutch Infant Formula
Products for the Chinese market

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Concerns have been raised that the COVID-19 pandemic may impact the stability and sustainability of the global supply chain of food, specifically for Infant Formula products and its raw materials.

For the Netherlands, I can assure you that the supply chain of food is working properly and that there is no reason to think that Dutch products might go out of stock on the Chinese market. I also refer to the statement of EUCCC (European Union Chamber of Commerce in China) on this topic.

The Dutch food sector, including Infant Formula products, is regarded as crucial by the Dutch government. The production and export of Infant Formula products from the Netherlands is therefore being continued as normal. Also the Dutch Competent Authority (Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, NVWA) gives priority to facilitating export of these products.

When logistical problems occur, such as delays or availability in containers, Infant Formula companies are able to solve these issues in time, in order to minimize delays in product delivery. Furthermore, other solutions for transports are taken into account, such as transport by train.

Hoping to have informed you accordingly,



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