

### **Bulgarije:**

- **Open markets and flower markets were closed again** by the Health Minister, due to the large people gathering around Easter holidays. If market operators manage to set better organization, the market places will reopen after Orthodox Easter on 19 April. The State will buy produce from Bulgarian growers who were unable to sell it, which will be offered to care homes and social services.

### **China:**

- NBSO Wuhan: Due to the outbreak, all tulip flower parks are closed to the public. To prepare the show, several million bulbs were imported from NL.
- On April 13, Minister of the General Administration of Customs stated that it is necessary to maintain a high-pressure situation of combating the smuggling of wild animals and related products, and strengthen supervision in all import and export channels. The inspection, quarantine and supervision for import and export food, as well for agricultural products shall be strictly controlled to prevent unqualified food and agricultural products which is imported to China – [Customs Website CH Gov.](#)

### **Colombia:**

The flower industry, a business that depends on international markets, faces great uncertainty for the commercialization of these products for the celebration of Mother's Day, within a month. Supermarkets in the US and to a certain extent the Japanese market are still generating business. Mother's Day is the most important selling season. This situation jeopardises the stability of the 15.500 direct jobs created by this industry.

### **Frankrijk:**

- President Macron heeft gisterenavond tijdens een toespraak aangekondigd dat de huidige – strikte - lockdown maatregelen in stand blijven tot 11 mei. Minister Le Maire van Economische Zaken verwacht dat de verlenging van de maatregelen leidt tot een economische krimp van 8%. Vanaf 11 mei worden de maatregelen geleidelijk versoepeld. De horeca blijft na 11 mei echter nog gesloten. Festivals en sportevenementen zijn niet toegestaan tot half juli. De Franse grens met derde landen blijft gesloten tot nader order.
- Bloemisten maken zich zorgen over de **lelietjes-van-dalen**, die traditioneel op Dag van de Arbeid (1 mei) worden verkocht. De Franse Federatie van Ambachtelijke Bloemisten (FFAF), met 14.000 leden, schat het verlies van de afgelopen weken al op meer dan 40 miljoen euro. 60% van de bedrijven heeft in maart een omzetsdaling van 50-70% gekend. Hoogtepunten qua omzet voor bloemisten zijn Moederdag, Valentijnsdag, Kerstmis en 1 mei. Vorig jaar gaven de Fransen 22 miljoen euro uit aan takjes lelietjes-van-dalen, om elkaar op symbolische wijze geluk te wensen. In Frankrijk wordt 31% van de lelietjes-van-dalen gekocht bij bloemisten en 25% in supermarkten.

### **Hongarije:**

Arboriculture: Tree and grape nurseries struggling because of the crisis. Materials for plantation imported from abroad are delayed. The National Food Chain Safety Office (NÉBIH) is urging enterprises to purchase from domestic nurseries in order to help the sector.

### **India:**

- Florists, flower traders and farmers in the **floriculture** sector in India are staring at an uncertain future as they suffer heavy losses. The government has not yet announced any financial support.

### **Italië:**

- Op 10 april jl. heeft de overheid een nieuw Decreet uitgevaardigd waarmee met ingang van 14 april een aantal economische activiteiten weer zijn toegestaan, waaronder bosbeheer, de houtindustrie en het onderhoud van groen in stedelijke gebieden.

### **Japan:**

Een unicum: de gezamenlijk Nederlands- Japanse veldinspectie van crocus-, hyacinth- en alliumbollen zal dit jaar via video gaan.

### **Taiwan:**

Taiwan export of **flowers** compared to same time last year was dropped by 15 %. Export took around 40% of Taiwan total flower production, and the production value is around 1.6 billion NT Dollars. Main export items include Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, Cymbidium, Anthurium and Eustoma, and market is to Japan, US and South East Asia countries. Council of Agriculture in Taiwan is communicating with airline companies for charter flight to help the industry. The import for domestic market was also dropped by 30 %.

### **Zuid-Korea:**

Korea has decided to accept copies of certificates for all kinds of agri-food products such as animal, plant, fishery and food products from EU member states, with regard to Covid19 trade issue. The Netherlands had already made such arrangements on plant products last week, but Korea has now decided to adapt the procedures for agri-food as a whole.

For plant products, please send the documents to [SEO-LNV@minbuza.nl](mailto:SEO-LNV@minbuza.nl), as requested separately by APQA, the Plant Health authorities.

The copies should be scanned colour copies. The temporary measure is valid until 31 May.

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