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Beste allen,

T.i. een bericht uit Brussel over bloed, weefsels, cellen en organen ivm COVID-19.

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Voor jullie.

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Onderwerp: SoHO news – COVID19

Dear national competent authorities for blood, tissues & cells, and organs,

We know you all currently facing the challenges of COVID-19 in your authorities and with your establishments in order to address the COVID-19 crisis.

We want to keep you updated on some EU-level developments in SoHO that might be useful.

- SoHO: as you know, ECDC is currently preparing some guidance on SoHO and COVID-19 that goes into more detail than the current Rapid Risk Assessment. Thanks to all of you that nominated representatives to review the draft document yesterday. This document will build on the previous recommendations within the broader ECDC [rapid risk assessments that we have circulated previously](#). It will have more specific info for some-subsectors, and focus on safety and supply continuity. We will inform you once the final version becomes available (end of the week or early next week).
 - Blood and tissue & cells: we remind you of our encouragement to use “Information Notice” in the alerts systems (RAB/RATC) to share useful COVID-19 related information with each other.
 - Organs: we remind you of our encouragement, should you encounter particular difficulties due to COVID-19, to share details with the official vigilance contacts per country available at <http://txcontactlist.eu/> as your information may be useful for others.
 - Cross-border exchange SoHO: some problems have been reported on cross-border transport of haematopoietic stem cells (HSC) (which we suspect could also be the case for organs). Please note that on 16 March the [Commission presented guidelines](#) to Member States on health-related border management measures in the context of the COVID-19 emergency. Member States should preserve inter alia the supply chain of essential products such as medicines, medical equipment. We are currently reaching out to Commission colleagues working on border controls to explain them the problem also applies to SoHO. More information will be shared later on this.
 - Blood/plasma: several blood services are preparing to collect convalescent plasma, which might be available in a few weeks to treat critically ill patients. We are in discussion with EBA (European Blood Alliance) looking at the possibilities of establishing common clinical protocols for application so that outcome data can be aggregated. We will keep you informed on this.
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- The SoHO team is now tele-working, but remains available over email and usual phone-lines.

- Also the SoHO functional mailbox (`5.1.2e` [@ec.europa.eu](mailto:5.1.2e@ec.europa.eu)) remains operational, and can be contacted in case of need.
- Organs: the meeting of organs national competent authorities, planned on 28-29 April, will be postponed

Best wishes,

The SoHO team.



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