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**Onderwerp:** Zoiets?

In the Netherlands, there is a persistent lack of personal protection equipment/ materials such as FFP1/2 mouthmasks, surgical masks type IIR, isolation gowns and aprons as well as gloves. The need for these products is felt across the health care system, including emergency/ hospital care, nursing homes, home care, GP's, etc. The COVID-19 crisis has increased demand for these products enormously. The prolonged hospital care and aftercare of COVID-19 patients requires large numbers of PPE materials. Demand in the Netherlands for FFP1/ 2 masks is estimated at app. 4.5 mln. pieces per week, for surgical masks 8 mln. pcs per week, for coats and gowns 6 mln. a week and for gloves at 30 mln. pcs per week. The central sourcing and purchasing through existing and new purchasing channels is challenging and only provides for a time horizon of days to 2 weeks at maximum, while various deliveries may not arrive at all or arrive with delays. Stocks in hospitals and other health care institutions are limited to a number of days at the most.

The Netherlands is keen to obtain further information from the Commission on the data the EU-clearinghouse has received on the availability of these products as well as data and information on why the conclusion is drawn that shortages for isolation gowns, aprons and gloves is merely a matter of distribution rather than of scarcity. We do not have data that supports this conclusion. We have established a distribution model for our national health care system that provides PPE equipment to health care institutions on the basis of potential exposure of medical staff to the Corona virus and/ or the protection of vulnerable patients from getting infected. For the PPE products in the system covered by the EU trade ban, demand for these products consistently outweighs supply. The demand is updated on a weekly or – if necessary – daily basis. We have received a request to enter specific product needs in the EC-clearinghouse portal on 16 April 2020 only, so if the EU-data is based on entries from Member States, the question can be raised if Member States have already submitted their needs.

In terms of national production of these PPE materials, the supply of raw materials on the world market is very scarce. The Netherlands is exploring various initiatives for national production.

Therefore maintaining export restrictions on these most bulky PPE materials with a very high turnover rate for another period of 30 days is essential to avoid exports of products by traders to buyers from outside the EU who simply outbid EU-purchasing agencies. This measure should not prevent intra-EU trade between EU-Member States and Associated Countries.