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to the postal address quoting
date and reference of this
letter.*

Dear Sir/Madam,

This transport contains lifesaving hematopoietic stem cells for a patient in urgent medical need. Therefore, the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports (VWS) of The Netherlands endorses the necessity for its transport to proceed under any given circumstances. If the situation arises that due to COVID-19 precautions borders will be closed for people and/or goods, the Ministry allows import of the stem cells and urges quick passage in case of export.

Access of this product to The Netherlands should be provided as swiftly as possible, due to the time constraints of the product and the patient in need. If you have any questions regarding this transport, please call the Matchis foundation (the responsible tissue establishment): **Josefine Teeler +31 71 568 5330 (24/7)**.

Your co-operation and assistance are sought in expediting the contents to their destination without delay.

I thank you very much for your kind understanding.

Yours sincerely,
the minister of Health, Welfare and Sports,
on behalf of,
the Director of the Department of Pharmaceutical Affairs and Medical Technology,

dr. M.T.M. van Raaij