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Dr. C.A.M. Van Alphen

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Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

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Dear Dr. Van Alphen:

APHIS is writing to share results of the *Pelargonium* spp. elite facility certification audit that took place on March 14, 2022.

We are pleased to report that the APHIS-led audit verified the facility listed below is compliant with the United States Code of Federal Regulations Title 7 §319.37-21 and the Minimum Sanitation Protocols for Offshore Geranium Cutting Production. This letter certifies they are authorized to begin shipping *Pelargonium* spp. cuttings to the United States under the conditions of an elite facility until August 30, 2025. All shipping documents must be consistent with the facility information as follows:

Florensis BV
 Langeweg 77-85,
 3342LD Hendrik-Ido-Ambacht
 Netherlands

APHIS is seeking to increase consistency in the oversight of all our offshore programs, including the *Pelargonium* program. We would greatly appreciate if NVWA could supply the registered facility number for Florensis BV at your convenience.

APHIS appreciates our continued collaboration with NVWA on mutually beneficial market access issues between the Netherlands and United States.

Sincerely.

For:

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