



INFORMATION

FOR CUSTOMERS

Standaardtekst, te gebruiken voor het informeren van uw afnemers.

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Re: information on Tomato Chlorosis Virus

Dear business relation,

The past few weeks, tests have revealed the presence of Tomato Chlorosis Virus (ToCV) at three tomato nurseries. Thanks to the alertness of the growers concerned the virus was detected at an early stage. The Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (*Nederlandse Voedsel en Warenautoriteit: NVWA*) will now be able to take swift measures to eradicate the virus at these nurseries. With this message we would like to inform you about the matter.

ToCV is a plant virus that adversely affects the production of tomatoes. It is transmitted among plants exclusively via greenhouse whiteflies (and not via contact or seed). The virus is a plant pathogen that does not in any way affect food safety. It has been common in several European countries for many years, and is tolerated in those countries.

The virus is spread among plants not via tomato fruits, seed or contact, but by whiteflies, which often occur in greenhouses. A good preventive measure that growers can take is to make extra use of biological control of whitefly. The sector association TuinbouwAlert provides information to growers, advising them what to do and what to avoid, and how to recognise possible symptoms of ToCV infection (the damage caused by the virus).

We trust the above information will be to your satisfaction. Please contact us if you have any questions. We will inform you of any new developments relating to this plant virus.

Yours sincerely,

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