



Official statement of Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation for governments and international buyers of Dutch vegetables

No EHEC bacteria in Dutch vegetables

The Dutch Food Safety Authority (nVWA) has monitored the presence of EHEC/STEC in a large number of vegetable samples since the outbreak in Germany. The samples were taken on a wide range of vegetables at retail markets, trade companies, produce associations and producer sites. All actual results are available on the website www.vwa.nl All results of this ongoing monitoring are negative. On this basis, the Dutch Government concludes that there is no indication that the Dutch vegetables contain EHEC-bacteria. The research is all performed by the EHEC-bacterium accredited laboratory of nVWA. The EHEC/STEC monitoring program of the Dutch Fruit and Vegetables sector is also performed by the nVWA.

Based on these findings, these products are permitted on the Dutch market as usual.

This statement is only valid in combination with an identical publication on the website www.vwa.nl.



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