

INFORMATION DER QUALITÄTSSICHERUNG

Re.: Coronavirus – current state of play

Dear Sir or Madam,

Due to the currentness and upcoming directed to us inquiries, we understand the raise of uncertainty and want to share our knowledge.

Many facts related to the Corona Virus are medically still unclear, but present knowledge about the virus is that a transmission on humans takes place via air by the so called droplet infection.

Such way of the transmission of infection requires close contact with the host organism (animal or human) who is infected with the virus. For viruses it is a typical way of transmission, because viruses need host organisms to survive and to spread out. The possibility that humans infect through contact with food and objects is not known according to the current scientific knowledge.

In Germany a lot of information can be found on the website of the Robert Koch Institute

(It is the public health institute: https://www.rki.de/EN/Home/homepage_node.html) and on the website of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment. Here are general principles and hygiene guideline listed in case of a flu outbreak.

The Federal Institute for Risk Assessment takes a position on imported food or non-food items as follows:

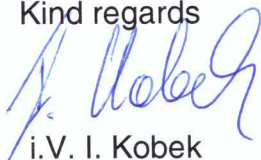
"According to the current state of scientific knowledge, there is no proof yet for the possibility of humans becoming infected via contact with products, consumer goods or via food even with the current outbreak.

Further information and hygiene guidelines can be found on the web site of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment:

<https://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/349/respiratory-tract-disorders-due-to-new-type-of-coronavirus.pdf>

We hope to clarify the situation.

Kind regards



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