

## JF Hillebrand Benelux Acquires Meerendonk Advanced Logistics

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JF Hillebrand Benelux is delighted to announce that an agreement has been reached with Meerendonk Advanced Logistics for the acquisition of all activities in the Netherlands and Belgium. Through this acquisition JF Hillebrand strengthens its dedicated wine and beverage logistics services in the Benelux.

Part of the Hillebrand Group, JF Hillebrand Benelux was founded in Rotterdam in 1998 and currently employs 24 staff. Over the past 15 years, the company has become the market leader in Benelux for the logistics of wine, beer and spirits, covering both imports and exports for the Benelux market.

"The acquisition of Meerendonk Advanced Logistics is a big step forward for JF Hillebrand," said Hans Schipper, managing director of JF Hillebrand Benelux. "There are a great many synergies between our businesses, with many of their activities seamlessly connecting to our activities. In addition, their expertise in areas such as customs clearance will be a great extension of our service portfolio."

Meerendonk Advanced Logistics was founded in 1985 by current owner Michel van den Meerendonk, and has offices in Ridderkerk and Antwerp. The company has wide expertise in the import of wine for both importers and retailers, and is fully customs and AEO compliant.

"We are delighted to become part of the Hillebrand Group", said Michel van den Meerendonk. "It is a very exciting development and an important step for both companies, offering great opportunities for all stakeholders - including staff and clients. We look forward to using this unique opportunity to further enhance levels of specialist service to our clients across Benelux."

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