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Update on France situation



# Update on the French situation

## 30/08/2017

- 1 farm was detected positive on the north of France on the 28/07 after using DEGA 16 :
  - Eggs were not put on the market
  - Eggs were destroyed
- The slaughter of poultry and destruction of meat was decided
- All French establishments who received contaminated eggs or egg products from Belgium and the Netherlands were named on the website of the French Ministry for agriculture and food :
  - 18 processing plants
  - 2 packaging centers
  - 40 wholesalers
- 32 products were withdrawn from the market (<ARfD). The public was warned of those withdrawn through posters and the Ministry website

# Management measures in farms

- IT 2017-667 : A technical instruction was published on the 07/08 for the investigation (questionnaire and on site inspections) on farms regarding the use of :
  - DEGA 16 – Cooper Boost
  - Antiparasitic currently used
- Other investigations :
  - 10 farms are been thoroughly investigated after a non compliant result was identified on egg products by the Belgian authorities
  - 19 farms are been investigated after using Amitraz during the fallowing period
- Management of contaminated poultry : slaughtered or maintained

## Management measures in farms : partial results

- IT 2017-667 : investigation on farms regarding the use of Antiparasitic, biocids, veterinary medicins : **47 products used against *Dermanyssus gallinae* : 3 veterinary medicine products (VMP = BYEMITE<sup>®</sup>, MITEX<sup>®</sup>, TAKTIC<sup>®</sup>), 21 Biocids (and only 14 with acaricid activity), 23 without status (a large part are plant based)**
- Other investigations in case of usage of **TAKTIC<sup>®</sup>** (amitraz) : 19 farms concerned by a usage of this VMP as a biocid, so without the presence of hens
  - Sample of eggs and analysis for amitraz residus : no results for the moment
- All samples already done to search Fipronil are negative on Amitraz residus.

# Products management (1/2)

- IT 2017-701 : A technical instruction was published for the management of products

Matrix	Results <MRL	Results ≥ MRL - < ARfD	Results ≥ ARfD
	0.005 (mg/kg)		0.43 (mg/kg)
Egg	Maintaining on the market	Withdrawal + information of the public	Recall*
Egg products	Maintaining on the market	Withdrawal + information of the public	Recall*
	0.005 (mg/kg)		0.23 (mg/kg)
Processed products	Maintaining on the market	Withdrawal + information of the public	Recall*

\* There is no recall ongoing in France

# Products management (2/2)

- Investigation on **upstream** traceability - identification of incorporated raw material, if :
  - Eggs or egg products coming from Belgium or Netherlands
  - Identification of contaminated eggs or egg products
    - ➔ Lab analysis or checking by calculation are made for processed products
- Investigation on **downstream** traceability – identification of batches with contaminated raw material
  - ➔ Lab analysis or checking by calculation to verify the compliance of the batch
- Control and survey plan at the retailer level

# Discussion points

- Products management harmonization
- Lists of contaminated establishments exhaustivity
- Taking into account of measurement uncertainty
- Management of contaminated farms : becoming of poultry
- Management of by-products coming from egg shelling plant potentially contaminated
- Operating rules and interactions in alert system (AAC/AAC-FF/RASFF)
- Harmonization of veterinary practices in farms