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Fipronil and processed products containing eggs: the Agency applies the usual measures for market withdrawals and/or product recalls

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The FASFC reiterates that measures are provided for and applied in Belgium to withdraw from the market non-compliant processed products containing eggs that exceed the regulatory standard (0.005mg/kg), even if they do not present a risk for public health. If it is established that processed products containing eggs present a risk for public health, consumers will immediately be informed (recall). These procedures have been established and implemented at the European level for years.

In the context of the monitoring of the fipronil contamination of eggs, measures are also taken regarding processed products containing eggs. Processed products containing eggs that exceed the regulatory standard are non-compliant and are therefore withdrawn from the market, even if they do not present a risk for public health. All non-compliant processed products containing eggs are consequently withdrawn at all levels of the food chain (producer, wholesaler, etc. up to the retail level).

If it is established that processed products containing eggs present a risk for public health (public health limit exceeded), consumers will immediately be informed. The recall is carried out as soon as a risk for public health is observed. As far as fipronil is concerned, no processed products containing eggs have thus far posed a risk for the consumer.

The Food Agency (*) has been implementing these withdrawal and recall procedures, which are defined at the European level, in a transparent manner for many years.

*See Newsletter for consumers, 2012:

http://www.afsca.be/rappelsdeproduits/documents/2012-05_Rappels-de-produits.pdf

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