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The Environmental Health Directorate confirms that it has continued to monitor the fipronil situation both locally - via continuous contact with the veterinary authorities and local traders - and in other countries - via the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF).

A market audit was conducted and confirmed that the traders were performing the withdrawal from the retail market in accordance with the agreed position by the European Commission. The eggs withdrawn by all five farms are being destroyed under the supervision of the Health Inspectorate.

The local veterinary authorities have elevated several samples from the indicated five local farms - which were blocked - and eggs were withdrawn last week due to traces of fipronil. The results confirmed that three of the five farms will continue to be blocked as traces of fipronil were also found in the second sample, while the other two farms are now unblocked since eggs elevated directly from their farms contained no fipronil. The veterinary authorities are also investigating all farms, samples were elevated, and results are expected early next week.