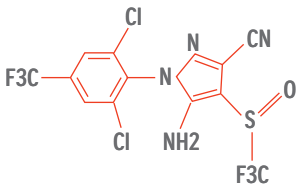


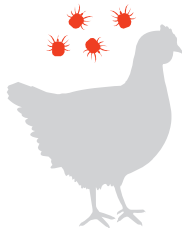
Contamination

Fipronil



- Pesticide used in veterinary products to kill fleas, lice, ticks and mites
- Banned for use on animals farmed for food

How did pesticide get into eggs?



- Dutch regulator NVWA believes the pesticide was used illegally to battle red mites that infest chickens



How bad is it?

Can cause:

- Eye and skin irritation; nausea; vomiting; damage to liver, kidney and thyroid
- In large quantities, the insecticide is considered “moderately hazardous”, according to the WHO
- Britain said the risk to the public is very low

Action taken:

- Millions of eggs destroyed; millions of chickens face culling

June 19

Fipronil first found in eggs at a Belgian company

July 20

Belgium notifies European Commission about the contamination

Affected countries

Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Britain, France