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## **AVA LIFTS SUSPENSION ON N & N AGRICULTURE FARM**

On 22 March 2005, the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) suspended N & N Agriculture Farm from selling their eggs and taking any birds or eggs out of the farm following detection of residues of antibiotic doxycycline and banned compounds (nitrofurans and chloramphenicol) in eggs produced by the farm.

- 2 During the period of suspension, AVA has been testing samples from the farm to closely monitor the residue situation in the eggs it produced. The latest laboratory tests over the past few days have not detected residues in the eggs.
- In view that the farm has been cleared of the residue problem and has complied with AVA's requirements, AVA is lifting the suspension of the farm with immediate effect. Most of the eggs produced during the period of suspension have been destroyed under AVA's supervision and the destruction of the remaining eggs will be completed within two days. The eggs that are produced on or after 5 April 2005 are safe for consumption and can be sold to retailers and food manufacturers.
- 4 AVA will continue to monitor the farm for compliance with good animal husbandry practices and food safety requirements.

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