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Dear colleague,

RIKILT Wageningen University & Research is planning to organise a proficiency test regarding fipronil in egg and animal tissue. This test will focus on the quantification of fipronil.

This test will be organised under accreditation according to ISO 17043 (General requirements for proficiency testing - R013).

The number of participants is limited to 50, first come first serve basis;. I would like to invite to participate in this test.

Please forward this invitation to other laboratories in your country or other contacts that could be interested in participating. The following issues are important for participation in the proficiency test:

## 1. Samples

- Two egg samples (approximately 15 grams) will be supplied for the determination of fipronil and fipronil-sulfone.
- The minimum required reporting limit (MRRL) for the individual substances is 2.5 µg/kg.
- If sufficient participants are interested in an additional sample (chicken muscle, chicken fat, or chicken liver) this proficiency test will consist of three samples.
- Please indicate your interest for additional matrices on the participation form.
- Samples will be sent in October 2017. The distribution of the samples will be announced by e-mail. The deadline for reporting will be six weeks after the shipment of the samples.
- The participant should arrange the necessary import permits for the sample materials (if necessary).

## 2. Report

- A report of the proficiency test will be dispatched in December 2017 -January 2018.
- Results of the proficiency test will be presented anonymously.

# RIKILT

DATE

August 21, 2017

SUBJECT

Proficiency test for fipronil in animal products

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RIKILT carries out research into the
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17043 accredited (the accredited
tests are described on www.rva.nl
(no. L014 and R013).

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### 3. Additional information

- RIKILT is allowed to use the anonymous results of the proficiency test in presentations, seminars and publications.
- RIKILT will never inform third parties (e.g. accreditation bodies) on specific laboratory results without permission of the laboratory first.

#### 4. Costs

- For the participation, we request a fee of € 500,- (ex. VAT) as a compensation for the preparation and transportation of the samples (egg plus one additional matrix if sufficient labs are interested).
- If an extra batch of samples is needed after the first shipping, the courier costs will be charged.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the registration form (preferably digitally) and send it to me before 8 September 2017 by e-mail (pt.rikilt@wur.nl).

Hoping to welcome you for this test,

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