

# EU says 40 countries now affected in tainted egg scandal

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In this Friday, Aug. 11, 2017 file photo, a man transports eggs at a processing plant in Gaesti, southern Romania. A European Union official said Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, 40 countries now have been affected by a Europe-wide contaminated egg scandal, including 24 EU members and 16 non-members. (AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda, File)

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16 non-members.

Vytenis Andriukaitis, the official in charge of health and [food safety](#) for the European Commission, said Tuesday in Estonia that only four countries in the 28-nation EU haven't had eggs tainted by the pesticide Fipronil, considered a [health hazard](#) if consumed in large quantities. The unaffected EU nations are Lithuania, Portugal, Cyprus and Croatia.

Millions of eggs across Europe have been destroyed after they were found to contain traces of Fipronil.

No one has fallen ill in the scandal in which Fipronil was found to have been illegally mixed in an insect spray for chickens. At least two people in the Netherlands have been detained.

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