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### **Iodine Enriched Wild Type Eggs**

Dear Mr Klepsch

As the UK Competent Authority, the Food Standards Agency has sought comments from the Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes (ACNFP) on the Belgian Initial Opinion for the application under the Novel Foods Regulation (EC) 258/97 by Belovo SO for the above product at a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

The Committee agreed with the Initial Opinion of the Belgian Competent Authority that the levels of iodine found in the product are sufficiently high for there to be safety concerns. We also note that the levels of iodine fortification in the feed appear to exceed those permitted in Council Directive 70/524/EEC.

We therefore agree with the Belgian CA that this product should be given a negative opinion, and does not support the marketing of this product.

Yours sincerely

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