



## Guidance notes for Egg Producers

### Gauze swabs

#### **After Depletion and Cleaning**

Material: 10 x sterile gauze  
2 x sterile bag  
1 x submission Form (per house)

1. Wash your hands
2. Open the bag and take a gauze.
3. Moisten the gauze with tap water
4. Wipe both sides of the gauze over the surface to be sampled (100cm<sup>2</sup> which is about ¼ of a sheet of A4 Paper)
5. Drop the gauze into the sterile bag
6. Repeat points 1 to 5 for each area to be tested
  - A. Floor
  - B Walls
  - C. Beams/Ledges
  - D. Fans
  - E. Manure Belts
  - F. Feeders
  - G. Drinkers
  - H. Nest Box
  - I. Egg Belts
7. Pool gauzes A – I in the provided sterile bag.
8. Bait box to be swabbed if no rodent faeces are available. This gauze **MUST** go in the separate sterile bag marked '**Rodent faeces or Bait Box**'  
**Remember to sign the declaration form (keep for your own records) if no rodent faeces are available.**

Post the samples on the day of sampling

For Hygiene reasons please **do not put the paperwork** in direct contact with the samples