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IN A FRENCH FARM BY SARS COV 2

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The results of the analyzes carried out on the breeders of the 4 farms were all negative. Reinforced surveillance has been put in place for 4 people in connection with the contaminated farm and new analyzes are underway.----------
The virus sequencing analysis will be known by the end of the week and should rule out any contamination with the SARS-COV-2 variant. Surveillance and enhanced biosecurity measures are maintained in the other three farms. The ministers recall the importance of barrier gestures to fight against the spread of COVID-19: the aim is to protect mink from possible contamination from farm personnel, but also, as a precaution, to avoid contact between infected animals and farm staff. Source : French Minister of Agriculture

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