Biosecurity Protocols Fatality File

Salmonella egg factory owner arrested over man’s death

A poultry farmer whose contaminated eggs caused a salmonella outbreak at a Birmingham hospital has been arrested over the death of a man in Austria.

Five patients died at Heartlands Hospital in Bordesley Green and the bacteria was traced back to eggs from factory Bayern Ei in Bavaria, Germany.

The same source of salmonella is blamed for the death of a 75-year-old man.

It played a part in other deaths because inadequately equipped wards, unmonitored food preparation and poor cleaning helped it spread, the report stated.

German prosecutor, Theo Ziegler, said the wealthy businessman is being held on suspicion of grievous bodily harm causing death – due to harmful substances.

BBC Midlands Today discovered 60,000 contaminated eggs from Bayern Ei got to England last month but were destroyed before they entered the food chain.