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Bird flu found in ducks on farm near Seoul

SEOUL: South Korea detected bird flu in ducks on a poultry farm near here, an Agriculture Ministry official said yesterday, the first discovery in four months, and a month after the country regained its bird flu-free status. The case involved a strain known as H5N8, the same type of influenza that occurred in November. All 11,604 ducks at the infected farm in Icheon had been slaughtered, he said. South Korea resumed poultry meat exports to Hong Kong for the first time in two years after it was declared an Avian Influenza-free nation, the Agriculture Ministry had said on March 13. **Agencies**