

CHAPTER 10.6.

DUCK VIRUS HEPATITIS

Article 10.6.1.

General provisions

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, the *incubation period* for duck virus hepatitis (DVH) shall be seven days.

Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines are described in the *Terrestrial Manual*.

Article 10.6.2.

Recommendations for the importation of ducks

Veterinary Authorities of importing countries should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the birds:

- 1) showed no clinical sign of DVH on the day of shipment;
- 2) come from *establishments* which are recognised as being free from DVH;
- 3) have not been vaccinated against DVH; or
- 4) were vaccinated against DVH (the nature of the vaccine used and the date of *vaccination* should also be stated in the *certificate*).

Article 10.6.3.

Recommendations for the importation of day-old ducks

Veterinary Authorities of importing countries should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the *day-old birds*:

- 1) come from *establishments* and/or hatcheries which are regularly inspected by the *Veterinary Authority* and from hatcheries which comply with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.4.;
- 2) have not been vaccinated against DVH; or
- 3) were vaccinated against DVH (the nature of the vaccine used and the date of *vaccination* should also be stated in the *certificate*);
- 4) are the progeny of parent *flocks* which:
 - a) come from *establishments* and/or hatcheries which are recognised as being free from DVH;
 - b) come from *establishments* and/or hatcheries in which *vaccination* against DVH is not practised on the parent stock; or
 - c) come from *establishments* and/or hatcheries in which *vaccination* against DVH is practised on the parent stock;
- 5) were shipped in clean and unused packages.

Article 10.6.4.

Recommendations for the importation of hatching eggs of ducks

Veterinary Authorities of importing countries should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the *hatching eggs*:

- 1) have been disinfected in conformity with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.4.;
 - 2) come from *establishments* and/or hatcheries which are recognised as being free from DVH and from hatcheries which comply with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.4.;
 - 3) were shipped in clean and unused packages.
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