

## CHAPTER 10.5.

### AVIAN MYCOPLASMOSIS (*MYCOPLASMA GALLISEPTICUM*)

#### Article 10.5.1.

##### General provisions

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

#### Article 10.5.2.

##### Establishment free from avian mycoplasmosis

To qualify as free from avian mycoplasmosis, an *establishment* should satisfy the following requirements:

- 1) it is under *official veterinary control*;
- 2) it contains no bird which has been vaccinated against avian mycoplasmosis;
- 3) 5% of the birds, with a maximum of 100 birds of different age groups present in the *establishment*, are subjected to the serum-agglutination test with negative results at the age of 10, 18 and 26 weeks, and thereafter at 4-week intervals (the results of at least the last two tests carried out on adult birds should be negative);
- 4) all birds introduced into the *flocks* come from an *establishment* free from avian mycoplasmosis.

#### Article 10.5.3.

##### Recommendations for the importation of chickens and turkeys

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

- 1) showed no clinical sign of avian mycoplasmosis on the day of shipment;
- 2) come from an *establishment* free from avian mycoplasmosis; and/or
- 3) were kept in a *quarantine station* for the 28 days prior to shipment and were subjected to a diagnostic test for avian mycoplasmosis with negative results, on two occasions, at the beginning and at the end of the 28-day period.

#### Article 10.5.4.

##### Recommendations for the importation of day-old birds

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

- 1) come from *establishments* free from avian mycoplasmosis and from hatcheries which comply with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.4.;
- 2) were shipped in clean and unused packages.

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**Recommendations for the importation of hatching eggs of chickens and turkeys**

*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* free from avian mycoplasmosis 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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