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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);~~:

*a)* an agent identification test at the age of 10, 18 and 26 weeks with negative results, and thereafter at 4-week intervals with negative results on at least the last two tests; or

*b)* a serological test at the age of 10, 18 and 26 weeks with negative results, and thereafter at 4-week intervals with negative results on at least the last two tests;

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; and

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~~ an agent identification 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*:

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1) come from *establishments* free from avian mycoplasmosis and from hatcheries which comply with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.5.;

2) were shipped in clean and unused packages.

Article 10.5.5.

**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 accordance with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.5.;

2) come from *establishments* free from avian mycoplasmosis and from hatcheries which comply with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.5.;

3) were shipped in clean and unused packages.

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