

## CHAPTER 10.2.

# AVIAN INFECTIOUS BRONCHITIS

### Article 10.2.1.

#### General provisions

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, the *incubation period* for avian infectious bronchitis shall be 50 days.

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

### Article 10.2.2.

#### Recommendations for the importation of chickens

*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 infectious bronchitis on the day of shipment;
- 2) come from *establishments* which are recognised as being free from avian infectious bronchitis, based on the results of serological tests;
- 3) have not been vaccinated against avian infectious bronchitis; or
- 4) were vaccinated against avian infectious bronchitis (the nature of the vaccine used and the date of *vaccination* should also be stated in the *certificate*).

### Article 10.2.3.

#### 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* which are regularly inspected by the *Veterinary Authority* and from hatcheries which comply with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.5.;
- 2) have not been vaccinated against avian infectious bronchitis; or
- 3) were vaccinated against avian infectious bronchitis (the nature of the vaccine used and the date of *vaccination* shall 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 avian infectious bronchitis, based on the results of serological tests;
  - b) come from *establishments* in which *vaccination* against avian infectious bronchitis is not practised on the parent stock; or
  - c) come from *establishments* in which *vaccination* against avian infectious bronchitis is practised on the parent stock;
- 5) were shipped in clean and unused packages.

Article 10.2.4.

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

*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* and/or hatcheries which are recognised as being free from avian infectious bronchitis 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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