

CHAPTER 10.9.

INFECTION WITH NEWCASTLE VIRUS

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United States	Comment category: General Comment Proposed amendment: Chapter 10.9, Infection with Newcastle Considering use of the term “poultry” throughout Chapter 10.9, Newcastle Disease, the USA expects significant impacts to the meaning of the text if the glossary term for “poultry” is not restored to a version containing key concepts, including birds reared and kept for production of <u>commercial</u> commodities. In this event, we strongly advocate for a comprehensive review and update of Chapter 10.9 clarifying the intended meaning of “poultry” throughout all applicable Articles and references to the term in the chapter. For instance, Article 10.9.3 Paragraphs 1 and 2 will need the added descriptor, “commercial” before “poultry” to accurately capture the current understanding of stated guidelines. Considerable changes to this and other chapters will be essential to maintain consistency and mutual understanding for bilateral trade negotiations and disease management practices as they have been established by Member Countries to date. The USA firmly believes it is preferable to keep fundamental concepts which define “poultry” in a glossary term, for broader relevance across Terrestrial Code chapters while also avoiding complicated, time-intensive and potentially confusing updates to individual disease-specific chapter content.
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Article 10.9.3.

Newcastle disease free country, zone or compartment

A country, *zone* or *compartment* may be considered free from ND when it has been shown that NDV *infection* in *poultry* has not been present in the country, *zone* or *compartment* for the past 12 months, based on *surveillance* in accordance with Articles 10.9.22. to 10.9.26.

If *infection* has occurred in *poultry* in a previously free country, *zone* or *compartment*, ND free status can be regained ~~three months~~ 42 days after a *stamping-out policy* (including *disinfection* of all affected *establishments*) is applied, providing that *surveillance* in accordance with Articles 10.9.22. to 10.9.26. has been carried out during that ~~three-month~~ period.

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