

CHAPTER 10.12.

MAREK'S DISEASE

Article 10.12.1.

General provisions

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, the *incubation period* for Marek's disease (MD) shall be 4 months.

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

Article 10.12.2.

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 Marek's disease on the day of shipment;
2. come from an *establishment* which is regularly inspected by the *Veterinary Authority*;
3. have not been vaccinated against MD and come from an *establishment* which has been free from MD for at least the past 2 years; or
4. were vaccinated against MD (the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the *certificate*).

Article 10.12.3.

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 6.4.;
2. were vaccinated against MD (the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the *certificate*);
3. were shipped in clean and unused packages.

Article 10.12.4.

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 conformity with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.4.;

2. come from *establishments* which are regularly inspected by the *Veterinary Authority* and from hatcheries which comply with the standards referred to in Chapter 6.4.;
3. come from *establishments* in which vaccination against MD is practised (the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the *certificate*);
4. were shipped in clean and unused packages.

Article 10.12.5.

Recommendations for the importation of meat-meals and feather-meals

Veterinary Authorities of importing countries should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that these products have been processed using heat treatment to ensure the destruction of the MD virus.

Article 10.12.6.

Recommendations for the importation of feathers and down

Veterinary Authorities of importing countries should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that these products have been processed to ensure the destruction of the MD virus.
