

¹Requirements of birds isolation-facilities destined for export to Israel

Construction and equipment of quarantine facilities:

1. The quarantine facility must be a separate building or buildings which are separated from other poultry holdings and other bird holdings by a distance specified by the competent authority based on a risk assessment which takes into account the epidemiology of avian influenza and Newcastle disease. Entry/exit doors must be lockable with signs indicating: 'QUARANTINE — No admission for unauthorized persons'.
2. Each quarantine unit in the facility must occupy a separate airspace. The units are operationally and physically separated from each other and in which each unit contains only birds of the same consignment, with the same health status, and therefore comprises a single epidemiological unit;
3. The quarantine facility must be bird, fly and vermin proof and sealable so as to permit fumigation.
4. The approved quarantine facility and each unit must be equipped with hand washing facilities.
5. Entry and exit doors to the approved quarantine facility and to each unit must be double door systems.
6. Hygiene barriers must be installed at all entrances/exits to the approved quarantine facility and its different units.
7. All equipment must be constructed in such a way that it can be cleaned and disinfected.
8. The feed store must be bird and rodent proof and must be protected against insects.
9. A container must be available to store litter and must be bird and rodent proof.
10. A refrigerator and/or freezer must be provided for holding carcasses.

Management requirements:

1. Approved quarantine facilities must:
 - a. have an efficient control system so as to ensure adequate surveillance of the animals;
 - b. be under the control and responsibility of the **official veterinarian**;
 - c. be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with a program approved by the competent authority after which there shall be an appropriate resting period; the disinfectants used must be approved for that purpose by the competent authority.
2. For each consignment of birds quarantined:

¹ Compatible with the conditions set out in annex IV of commission regulation no. 139\2013 (EU)

- a. the approved quarantine facility or its unit must be cleaned and disinfected and then be kept free of birds for at least seven days before the imported birds are introduced;
 - b. the quarantine period must start when the last bird is introduced;
 - c. the approved quarantine facility or unit must be emptied of birds, cleaned and disinfected at the end of the quarantine period.
3. Precautions shall be taken to prevent cross-contamination between incoming and outgoing consignments.
4. Unauthorized persons shall not enter the approved quarantine facility.
5. Persons entering the approved quarantine facility must wear protective clothing including footwear.
6. No contacts between personnel shall take place, which may cause contamination between approved quarantine facilities and units or contamination between the **quarantine facility and other holdings which engage in birds and poultry production and industry.**
7. Appropriate equipment shall be available for cleaning and disinfection.
8. If identification by microchipping is used, an appropriate microchip reader shall be available at the approved quarantine facility.
9. Cleaning and disinfection of the cages or crates used for the transport must be carried out unless they are destroyed. If reused, they must be made of a material that allows effective cleaning and disinfection. The cages and crates must be destroyed in such a way so as to avoid spread of disease causing agents.
10. Litter and waste material shall be collected regularly, stored in the litter container and subsequently treated in such a way as to avoid spread of disease-causing agents.
11. Carcasses of birds must be examined in an **official laboratory** designated by the competent authority.
12. The necessary analyses and treatments of birds must be carried out in consultation with and under the control of the official veterinarian.
13. The official veterinarian must be informed of diseases and death of birds and/or sentinel birds during the quarantine.
14. The person in charge of the approved quarantine facility must keep a record of:
 - a. the date, number and species of birds entering and leaving for each consignment;
 - b. individual identification numbers of the birds, and in case of identification by microchip the details of the type of microchip and the reader used shall be recorded;
 - c. any significant observation: cases of illness and number of deaths on a daily basis;
 - d. dates and results of testing;
 - e. types and dates of treatment;
 - f. persons entering and leaving the quarantine facility.
15. The records referred to in point 14 shall to be kept for at least 10 years.