

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission  
September 2009 Report  
**USA Comments**

Chapter 10.4  
**Avian Influenza**

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**Article 10.4.19 and Article 10.4.20**

The United States has reviewed the proposed changes to these Articles and strongly supports these changes.

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**Article 10.4.25**

**Recommendations for the importation of feather meal and poultry by-product meat meal**

Regardless of the NAI status of the country of origin, *Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. these *commodities* were processed in a NAI free country, *zone* or *compartment* from *poultry* which were kept in a NAI free country, *zone* or *compartment* from the time they were hatched until the time of *slaughter* or for at least the 21 days preceding *slaughter*; or
2. these *commodities* have been processed either;
  - a. with moist heat at a minimum temperature of 118°C for minimum of 40 minutes; or
  - b. with a continuous hydrolysing process under at least 3.79 bar of pressure with steam at a minimum temperature of 122 °C for a minimum of 15 minutes; or
  - c. with an alternative rendering process that ensures that the internal temperature throughout the product reaches at least 74 °C.

AND

3. the necessary precautions were taken to avoid contact of the *commodity* with any source of NAI virus.

**Rationale:** The United States recommends using the term “poultry by-product meal”, which is the actual term for this type of product, rather than “poultry meat meal”. Alternatively, one could use the text “poultry meals other than feather meal”, as there is no such specific item as “poultry meat meal”.

The United States supports the added language proposed for item 2.c in this Article.

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