

Terrestrial Animal Health Commission Standards
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CHAPTER 10.13.

NEWCASTLE DISEASE

Article 10.13.1.

General provisions

1. For the purposes of *international trade*, Newcastle disease (ND) is defined as an *infection of poultry* caused by a virus (NDV) of avian paramyxovirus serotype 1 (APMV-1) that meets one of the following criteria for virulence:
 - a. the virus has an intracerebral pathogenicity index (ICPI) in day-old chicks (*Gallus gallus*) of 0.7 or greater; or
 - b. multiple basic amino acids have been demonstrated in the virus (either directly or by deduction) at the C-terminus of the F2 protein and phenylalanine at residue 117, which is the N-terminus of the F1 protein. The term ‘multiple basic amino acids’ refers to at least three arginine or lysine residues between residues 113 and 116. Failure to demonstrate the characteristic pattern of amino acid residues as described above would require characterisation of the isolated virus by an ICPI test.

In this definition, amino acid residues are numbered from the N-terminus of the amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence of the F0 gene, 113–116 corresponds to residues –4 to –1 from the cleavage site.’

2. *Poultry* is defined as ‘all domesticated birds, including backyard *poultry*, used for the production of meat or eggs for consumption, for the production of other commercial products, for restocking supplies of game, or for breeding these categories of birds, as well as fighting cocks used for any purpose’.

Birds that are kept in captivity for any reason other than those reasons referred to in the preceding paragraph, including those that are kept for shows, races, exhibitions, competitions, or for breeding or selling these categories of birds as well as pet birds, are not considered to be *poultry*.

3. This Chapter deals with NDV *infection of poultry* as defined in point 2 above, in the presence or absence of clinical signs. For the purposes of *international trade*, a Member should not impose immediate bans on the trade in *poultry commodities* in response to a notification, according to Article 1.2.3. of the *Terrestrial Code*, of *infection* with NDV in birds other than *poultry*, including wild birds.
4. The occurrence of *infection* with NDV is defined as the isolation and identification of NDV as such or the detection of viral RNA specific for NDV.
5. For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, the *incubation period* for ND shall be 21 days.

6. Standards for diagnostic tests, including pathogenicity testing, are described in the *Terrestrial Manual*. When the use of ND vaccines is appropriate, those vaccines should comply with the standards described in the *Terrestrial Manual*.

Article 10.13.2.

Determination of the ND status of a country, zone or compartment

The ND status of a country, a *zone* or a *compartment* can be determined on the basis of the following criteria:

1. ND is notifiable in the whole country, an on-going ND awareness programme is in place, and all notified suspect occurrences of ND are subjected to field and, where applicable, *laboratory* investigations;
2. appropriate *surveillance* is in place to demonstrate the presence of NDV *infection* in the absence of clinical signs in *poultry*, this may be achieved through an ND *surveillance* programme in accordance with Articles 10.13.22. to 10.13.26.;
3. consideration of all epidemiological factors for ND occurrence and their historical perspective.

Article 10.13.3.

ND 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 10.13.22. to 10.13.26.

If *infection* has occurred in *poultry* in a previously free country, *zone* or *compartment*, ND free status can be regained three months after a *stamping-out policy* (including *disinfection* of all affected *establishments*) is applied, providing that *surveillance* in accordance with Articles 10.13.22. to 10.13.26. has been carried out during that three-month period.

Article 10.13.4.

Recommendations for importation from an ND free country, zone or compartment as defined in Article 10.13.3.

for live poultry (other than day-old poultry)

Veterinary Authorities should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the *poultry* showed no clinical sign suggestive of ND on the day of shipment;
2. the *poultry* were kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* since they were hatched or for at least the past 21 days;
3. the *poultry* are transported in new or appropriately sanitized *containers*;
4. if the *poultry* have been vaccinated against ND, it has been done in accordance with the provisions of the *Terrestrial Manual* and the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination have been attached to the *certificate*.

Article 10.13.5.

Recommendations for the importation of live birds other than poultry

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

1. the birds showed no clinical sign suggestive of infection by NDV on the day of shipment;
2. the birds were kept in isolation approved by the *Veterinary Services* since they were hatched or for at least the 21 days prior to shipment and showed no clinical sign of *infection* during the isolation period;
3. a statistically valid sample of the birds at a design prevalence acceptable to the *importing country* was subjected to a diagnostic test within 14 days prior to shipment to demonstrate freedom from *infection* with NDV;
4. the birds are transported in new or appropriately sanitized *containers*;
5. if the birds have been vaccinated against ND, it has been done in accordance with the provisions of the *Terrestrial Manual* and the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination have been attached to the *certificate*.

Article 10.13.6.

Recommendations for importation from an ND free country, zone or compartmentfor day-old live poultry

Veterinary Authorities should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the *poultry* were hatched and kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* since they were hatched;
2. the *poultry* were derived from parent *flocks* which had been kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of the collection of the eggs;
3. the *poultry* are transported in new or appropriately sanitized *containers*.
4. if the *poultry* or parent *flocks* have been vaccinated against ND, it has been done in accordance with the provisions of the *Terrestrial Manual* and the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination have been attached to the *certificate*.

Article 10.13.7.

Recommendations for the importation of day-old live birds other than poultry

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

1. the birds showed no clinical sign suggestive of infection by NDV on the day of shipment;

2. the birds were hatched and kept in isolation approved by the *Veterinary Services*;
3. the parent *flock* birds were subjected to a diagnostic test at the time of the collection of the eggs to demonstrate freedom from *infection* with NDV;
4. the birds are transported in new or appropriately sanitized *containers*;
5. if the birds or parent *flocks* have been vaccinated against ND, it has been done in accordance with the provisions of the *Terrestrial Manual* and the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination have been attached to the *certificate*.

Article 10.13.8.

Recommendations for importation from an ND free country, zone or compartment

for hatching eggs of poultry

Veterinary Authorities should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the birds:

1. the eggs came from an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment*;
2. the eggs were derived from parent *flocks* which had been kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of the collection of the eggs;
3. the eggs are transported in new or appropriately sanitized ~~*containers*~~ packaging materials;
4. if the parent *flocks* have been vaccinated against ND, it has been done in accordance with the provisions of the *Terrestrial Manual* and the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination have been attached to the *certificate*.

Article 10.13.9.

Recommendations for the importation of hatching eggs from birds other than poultry

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

1. the parent *flock* birds were subjected to a diagnostic test 7 days prior to and at the time of the collection of the eggs to demonstrate freedom from *infection* with NDV;
2. the eggs have had their surfaces sanitized (in accordance with Chapter 6.4.);
3. the eggs are transported in new or appropriately sanitized ~~*containers*~~ packaging materials;
4. if the parent *flocks* have been vaccinated against ND, it has been done in accordance with the provisions of the *Terrestrial Manual* and the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination have been attached to the *certificate*.

Article 10.13.10.

Recommendations for importation from an ND free country, zone or compartment

for eggs for human consumption

Veterinary Authorities should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the eggs were produced and packed in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment*;
2. the eggs are transported in new or appropriately sanitized ~~containers~~ packaging materials.

Article 10.13.11.

Recommendations for importation of egg products of poultry

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

1. the *commodity* is derived from eggs which meet the requirements of Article 10.13.10.; or
2. the *commodity* has been processed to ensure the destruction of NDV in accordance with Article 10.13.20. (under study);

AND

3. the necessary precautions were taken to avoid contact of the egg products with any source of NDV.

Article 10.13.12.

Recommendations for importation from an ND free country, zone or compartment

for poultry semen

Veterinary Authorities should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the donor *poultry*:

1. showed no clinical sign suggestive of ND on the day of semen collection;
2. were kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* for at least the 21 days prior to and at the time of semen collection.

Article 10.13.13.

Recommendations for the importation of semen of birds other than poultry

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

1. were kept in isolation approved by the *Veterinary Services* for at least the 21 days prior to and on the day of semen collection;
2. showed no clinical sign suggestive of *infection* with NDV during the isolation period and on the day of semen collection;

3. were subjected to a diagnostic test within 14 days prior to semen collection to demonstrate freedom from *infection* with NDV.

Article 10.13.14.

Recommendations for importation from an ND free country, zone or compartment

for fresh meat of poultry

Veterinary Authorities should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the entire consignment of *fresh meat* comes from *poultry*:

1. which have been kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* since they were hatched or for at least the past 21 days;
2. which have been slaughtered in an approved *abattoir* in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* and have been subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections in accordance with Chapter 6.2. and have been found free of any sign suggestive of ND.

Article 10.13.15.

Recommendations for importation of meat products of poultry

Veterinary Authorities should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the *commodity* is derived from *fresh meat* which meet the requirements of Article 10.13.14.; or
2. the *commodity* has been processed to ensure the destruction of NDV in accordance with Article 10.13.21. (under study);

AND

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

Article 10.13.16.

Recommendations for the importation of products of poultry origin, other than feather meal and poultry meat meal, intended for use in animal feeding, or for agricultural or industrial use ~~other than feather meal~~

Regardless of the ND 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 ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* from poultry which were kept in a ND 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 to ensure the destruction of NDV (under study);

AND

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

Article 10.13.17.

Recommendations for the importation of feathers and down of poultry

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

1. these *commodities* originated from *poultry* as described in Article 10.13.14. and were processed in a ND free country, *zone* or *compartment*; or
2. these *commodities* have been processed to ensure the destruction of NDV (under study);

AND

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

Article 10.13.18.

Recommendations for the importation of feathers and down of birds other than poultry

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

1. these *commodities* have been processed to ensure the destruction of NDV (under study); and
2. the necessary precautions were taken to avoid contact of the *commodity* with any source of NDV

Article 10.13.19.

Recommendations for the importation of feather meal and poultry meat meal

Regardless of the ND 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 ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* from *poultry* which were kept in a ND 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 for a minimum of 280 seconds;

AND

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

Article 10.13.20. ~~(under study)~~

Procedures for the inactivation of the ND virus in eggs and egg products

The following times and temperatures are suitable for the inactivation of ND virus present in eggs and egg products:

| | Temperature (°C) | Time |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Whole egg | 55 | 2,521 seconds |
| Whole egg | 57 | 1,596 seconds |
| Whole egg | 59 | 674 seconds |
| Liquid egg white | 55 | 2,278 seconds |
| Liquid egg white | 57 | 986 seconds |
| Liquid egg white | 59 | 301 seconds |
| 10% salted yolk | 55 | 176 seconds |
| Dried egg white | 57 | 50.4 hours |

The listed temperatures are indicative of a range that achieves a 7-log kill. Where scientifically documented, variances from these times and temperatures may also be suitable when they achieve the inactivation of the virus.

Article 10.13.21. ~~(under study)~~

Procedures for the inactivation of the ND virus in meat

A procedure which produces a core temperature of 70°C for 574 seconds is suitable for the inactivation of ND virus present in meat.

| | Temperature (°C) | Time |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| Poultry meat | 65.0 | 840 seconds |
| | 70.0 | 574 seconds |
| | 74.0 | 280 seconds |
| | 80.0 | 203 seconds |

Article 10.13.22.

Surveillance: introduction

Articles 10.13.22. to 10.13.26. define the principles and provide a guide on the *surveillance* for ND as defined in Article 10.13.1. and is complementary to Chapter 1.4. It is applicable to Members seeking to determine their ND status. This may be for the entire country, *zone* or *compartment*. Guidance for Members seeking free status following an *outbreak* and for the maintenance of ND status is also provided.

Surveillance for ND is complicated by the known occurrence of avian paramyxovirus serotype 1 (APMV-1) infections in many bird species, both domestic and wild, and the widespread utilization of ND vaccines in domestic *poultry*.

The impact and epidemiology of ND differ widely in different regions of the world and therefore it is not possible to provide specific recommendations for all situations. Therefore, *surveillance* strategies employed for demonstrating freedom from ND at an acceptable level of confidence will need to be adapted to the local situation. Variables such as the frequency of contacts of *poultry* with wild birds, different biosecurity levels, production systems and the commingling of different susceptible species require specific *surveillance* strategies to address each specific situation. It is incumbent upon the Member to provide scientific data that explains the epidemiology of ND in the region concerned and also demonstrates how all the risk factors are managed. There is, therefore, considerable latitude available to Members to provide a well-reasoned argument to prove freedom from NDV *infection*.

Surveillance for ND should be in the form of a continuing programme designed to establish that the country, *zone* or *compartment*, for which application is made, is free from NDV *infection*.

Article 10.13.23.

Surveillance: general conditions and methods

1. A *surveillance* system in accordance with Chapter 1.4. should be under the responsibility of the *Veterinary Authority*. In particular there should be in place:
 - a. a formal and ongoing system for detecting and investigating outbreaks of *disease* or NDV *infection*;
 - b. a procedure for the rapid collection and transport of samples from suspect cases of ND to a *laboratory* for ND diagnosis as described in the *Terrestrial Manual*;
 - c. a system for recording, managing and analysing diagnostic and *surveillance* data.
2. The ND *surveillance* programme should:
 - a. include an early warning system throughout the production, marketing and processing chain for reporting suspicious cases. Farmers and workers, who have day-to-day contact with *poultry*, as well as diagnosticians, should report promptly any suspicion of ND to the *Veterinary Authority*. They should be supported directly or indirectly (e.g. through private *veterinarians* or *veterinary para-professionals*) by government information programmes and the *Veterinary Authority*. All suspected cases of ND should

be investigated immediately. As suspicion cannot be resolved by epidemiological and clinical investigation alone, samples should be taken and submitted to a *laboratory* for appropriate tests. This requires that sampling kits and other equipment are available to those responsible for *surveillance*. Personnel responsible for *surveillance* should be able to call for assistance from a team with expertise in ND diagnosis and control;

- b. implement, when relevant, regular and frequent clinical, virological and serological *surveillance* of high risk groups of *poultry* within the target population (e.g. those adjacent to an ND infected country, *zone*, *compartment*, places where birds and *poultry* of different origins are mixed, or other sources of NDV).

An effective *surveillance* system may identify suspicious cases that require follow-up and investigation to confirm or exclude that the cause of the condition is due to NDV *infection*. The rate at which such suspicious cases are likely to occur will differ between epidemiological situations and cannot therefore be predicted reliably. Applications for freedom from NDV *infection* should provide details of the occurrence of suspicious cases and how they were investigated and dealt with. This should include the results of *laboratory* testing and the control measures to which the animals concerned were subjected during the investigation (quarantine, movement stand-still orders, etc.).

Article 10.13.24.

Surveillance strategies

1. Introduction

Any *surveillance* programme requires inputs from professionals competent and experienced in this field and should be thoroughly documented. The design of *surveillance* programmes to prove the absence of NDV *infection* / circulation needs to be carefully followed to avoid producing results that are either unreliable, or excessively costly and logistically complicated.

If a Member wishes to declare freedom from NDV *infection* in a country, *zone* or *compartment*, the subpopulation used for *surveillance* ~~of~~ for the *disease* / *infection* should be representative of all *poultry* within the country, *zone* or *compartment*. Multiple *surveillance* methods should be used concurrently to accurately define the true ND status of *poultry* populations. Active and passive *surveillance* for ND should be ongoing with the frequency of active *surveillance* being appropriate to the disease situation in the country. *Surveillance* should be composed of random and/or targeted approaches, dependent on the local epidemiological situation and using clinical, virological and serological methods as described in the *Terrestrial Manual*. If alternative tests are used they must have been validated as fit-for-purpose in accordance with OIE standards. A Member should justify the *surveillance* strategy chosen as adequate to detect the presence of NDV *infection* in accordance with Chapter 1.4. and the prevailing epidemiological situation.

In surveys, the sample size selected for testing should be statistically justified to detect *infection* at a predetermined target prevalence. The sample size and expected prevalence determine the level of confidence in the results of the survey. The survey design and frequency of sampling should be dependent on the historical and current local epidemiological situation. The Member should justify the choice of survey design and confidence level based on the objectives of *surveillance* and the epidemiological situation, in accordance with Chapter 1.4.

Targeted *surveillance* (e.g. based on the increased likelihood of *infection* in a population) may be an appropriate strategy.

It may, for example, be appropriate to target clinical *surveillance* at particular species likely to exhibit clear clinical signs (e.g. unvaccinated chickens). Similarly, virological and serological testing could target species that may not show clinical signs (Article 10.13.2.) of ND and are not routinely vaccinated (e.g. ducks). *Surveillance* may also target *poultry* populations at specific risk, for example direct or indirect contact with wild birds, multi-age *flocks*, local trade patterns including live *poultry* markets, the presence of more than one species on the holding and poor biosecurity measures in place. In situations where wild birds have been shown to play a role in the local epidemiology of ND, *surveillance* of wild birds may be of value in alerting *Veterinary Services* to the possible exposure of *poultry*, and in particular, of free ranging *poultry*.

The sensitivity and specificity of the diagnostic tests are key factors in the choice of survey design, which should anticipate the occurrence of false positive and false negative reactions. Ideally, the sensitivity and specificity of the tests used should be validated for the vaccination / *infection* history and for the different species in the target population. If the characteristics of the testing system are known, the rate at which these false reactions are likely to occur can be calculated in advance. There needs to be an effective procedure for following up positives to ultimately determine with a high level of confidence, whether they are indicative of *infection* or not. This should involve both supplementary tests and follow-up investigation to collect diagnostic material from the original sampling unit as well as *flocks* which may be epidemiologically linked to it.

The results of active and passive *surveillance* are important in providing reliable evidence that no NDV *infection* is present in a country, *zone* or *compartment*.

2. Clinical surveillance

Clinical *surveillance* aims to detect clinical signs suggestive of ND at the *flock* level and should not be underestimated as an early indication of *infection*. Monitoring of production parameters (e.g. a drop in feed or water consumption or egg production) is important for the early detection of NDV *infection* in some populations, as there may be no, or mild clinical signs, particularly if they are vaccinated. Any sampling unit within which suspicious animals are detected should be considered as infected until evidence to the contrary is produced. Identification of infected *flocks* is vital to the identification of sources of NDV.

A presumptive diagnosis of clinical ND in suspect infected populations should always be confirmed by virological testing in a *laboratory*. This will enable the molecular, antigenic and other biological characteristics of the virus to be determined.

It is desirable that NDV isolates are sent promptly to an OIE Reference Laboratory for archiving and further characterization if required.

3. Virological surveillance

Virological *surveillance* should be conducted using tests described in the *Terrestrial Manual* to:

- a. monitor at risk populations;
- b. confirm suspect clinical cases;
- c. follow up positive serological results in unvaccinated populations or sentinel birds;
- d. test 'normal' daily mortalities (if warranted by an increased risk e.g. *infection* in the face of vaccination or in establishments epidemiologically linked to an *outbreak*).

4. Serological surveillance

Where vaccination is carried out, serological *surveillance* is of limited value. Serological *surveillance* cannot be used to discriminate between NDV and other APMV-1. Test procedures and interpretations of results are as described in the *Terrestrial Manual*. Positive NDV antibody test results can have five possible causes:

- a. natural *infection* with APMV-1;
- b. vaccination against ND;
- c. exposure to vaccine virus;
- d. maternal antibodies derived from a vaccinated or infected parent *flock* are usually found in the yolk and can persist in progeny for up to 4 weeks;
- e. non-specific test reactions.

It may be possible to use serum collected for other survey purposes for ND *surveillance*. However, the principles of survey design described in these recommendations and the requirement for a statistically valid survey for the presence of NDV should not be compromised.

Discovery of seropositive, unvaccinated *flocks* must be investigated further by conducting a thorough epidemiological investigation. Since seropositive results are not necessarily indicative of *infection*, virological methods should be used to confirm the presence of NDV in such populations. Until validated strategies and tools to differentiate vaccinated animals from those infected with field APMV-1 are available, serological tools should not be used to identify NDV *infection* in vaccinated populations.

5. Use of sentinel poultry

There are various applications of the use of sentinel *poultry* as a *surveillance* tool to detect virus circulation. They may be used to monitor vaccinated populations or species which are less susceptible to the development of clinical *disease* for the circulation of virus. Sentinel *poultry* should be immunologically naïve and may be used in vaccinated *flocks*. In case of the use of sentinel *poultry*, the structure and organisation of the *poultry* sector, the type of vaccine used and local epidemiological factors will determine the type of production systems where sentinels should be placed, the frequency of placement and monitoring of the sentinels.

Sentinel *poultry* must be in close contact with, but should be identified to be clearly differentiated from, the target population. Sentinel *poultry* must be observed regularly for evidence of clinical *disease* and any disease incidents investigated by prompt *laboratory* testing. The species to be used as sentinels should be proven to be highly susceptible to *infection* and ideally develop clear signs of clinical *disease*. Where the sentinel *poultry* do not necessarily develop overt clinical *disease* a programme of regular active testing by virological and serological tests should be used (the development of clinical *disease* may be dependent on the sentinel species used or use of live vaccine in the target population that may infect the sentinel *poultry*). The testing regime and the interpretation of the results will depend on the type of vaccine used in the target population. Sentinel birds should be used only if no appropriate *laboratory* procedures are available.

Article 10.13.25.

Documentation of ND free status: additional surveillance procedures

The requirements for a country, *zone* or *compartment* to declare freedom from ND are given in Article 10.13.3.

A Member declaring freedom of a country, *zone* or *compartment* (with or without vaccination) should report the results of a *surveillance* programme in which the ND susceptible *poultry* population undergoes regular *surveillance* planned and implemented according to the general conditions and methods described in these recommendations.

1. Members declaring freedom from ND for the country, zone or compartment

In addition to the general conditions described in the *Terrestrial Code*, a Member declaring freedom from ND for the entire country, or a *zone* or a *compartment* should provide evidence for the existence of an effective *surveillance* programme. The *surveillance* programme should be planned and implemented according to general conditions and methods described in this Chapter to demonstrate absence of NDV *infection* in *poultry* during the preceding 12 months.

2. Additional requirements for countries, zones or compartments that practice vaccination

Vaccination against ND may be used as a component of a disease prevention and control programme. The vaccine used must comply with the provisions of the *Terrestrial Manual*.

In vaccinated populations there is a need to perform *surveillance* to ensure the absence of NDV circulation. The use of sentinel *poultry* may provide further confidence of the absence of virus circulation. The *surveillance* should be repeated at least every 6 months or at shorter intervals according to the risk in the country, *zone* or *compartment*, or evidence to show the effectiveness of the vaccination programme is regularly provided.

Article 10.13.26.

Countries, zones or compartments regaining freedom from ND following an outbreak: additional surveillance procedures

A Member regaining country, *zone* or *compartment* freedom from ND should show evidence of an active *surveillance* programme depending on the epidemiological circumstances of the *outbreak* to demonstrate the absence of the *infection*.

A Member declaring freedom of a country, *zone* or *compartment* after an *outbreak* of ND (with or without vaccination) should report the results of a *surveillance* programme in which the ND susceptible *poultry* population undergoes regular *surveillance* planned and implemented according to the general conditions and methods described in these recommendations.