

TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION
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USA Comments (note all US comments in blue font)

CHAPTER 6.4.

BIOSECURITY PROCEDURES
IN POULTRY PRODUCTION

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Rationale: The United States recommends rewriting this sentence as suggested to make it completely clear that the collection of these 'damaged' eggs needs to be done separately and that such eggs are not to be used as hatching eggs.

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