

ANNEX X

(referred to in Article 62(1))

Criteria for contingency plans

Contingency plans shall meet the following criteria at least:

1. The establishment of a crisis centre on a national level, which shall coordinate all control measures in the Member State.
2. A list shall be provided of local disease control centres with adequate facilities to coordinate disease control measures at local level.
3. Detailed information shall be given about the staff involved in control measures, their skills, their responsibilities and the instructions for staff, taking account of the need for personal protection and the potential risk to human health posed by avian influenza.
4. Each local disease control centre must be able to contact rapidly persons and organisations directly or indirectly involved in an outbreak.
5. Equipment and materials shall be available to carry out effectively the disease control measures.
6. Detailed instructions shall be provided on action to be taken on suspicion and confirmation of infection or contamination, including proposed means of disposal of carcasses.
7. Training programmes shall be established to maintain and develop skills in field and administrative procedures.
8. Diagnostic laboratories must have facilities for post-mortem examination, the necessary capacity for serology, histology etc. and must maintain the skills for rapid diagnosis. Arrangements must be made for rapid transportation of samples. The contingency plan shall also outline the testing capacity for the laboratory and the resources available to deal with an outbreak of disease.
9. A vaccination plan dealing with a number of scenarios shall be produced which shall give an indication of which populations of poultry or other captive birds may be vaccinated, an estimate of the amount of vaccine required and its availability.
10. Provision shall be made for the availability of data on registration of commercial poultry holdings on their territory, without prejudice to other relevant provisions established by Community legislation in this field.
11. Provision shall be made for the recognition of officially registered rare breeds of poultry or other captive birds.
12. Provision shall be made for the identification of areas with a high density of poultry.
13. Provision shall be made to ensure the legal powers necessary for the implementation of the contingency plans.