Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 139/2013 of 7 January 2013 laying down animal health conditions for imports of certain birds into the Union and the quarantine conditions thereof (codification) (Text with EEA relevance)

Article 13

Action in case of a suspected disease in an approved quarantine facility or centre

1 If during quarantine in an approved quarantine facility, it is suspected that one or more birds and/or sentinel birds are infected with avian influenza or Newcastle disease, the following measures shall be taken:

- a the competent authority shall place the approved quarantine facility under official supervision;
- b samples for virological examination as set out in point 2 of Annex V shall be taken from those birds and sentinel birds and shall be analysed accordingly;
- c no birds shall enter or leave the approved quarantine facility until the suspicion is ruled out.

2 If the suspicion of avian influenza or Newcastle disease in the affected approved quarantine facility as referred to in paragraph 1 is confirmed, the following measures shall be taken:

- a all birds and sentinel birds in the approved quarantine facility shall be killed and destroyed;
- b the approved quarantine facility shall be cleaned and disinfected;
- c no birds shall enter the approved quarantine facility until 21 days following the final cleaning and disinfection.

3 If during quarantine in an approved quarantine centre, it is suspected that one or more birds and/or sentinel birds in a unit of the quarantine centre are infected with avian influenza or Newcastle disease, the following measures shall be taken:

- a the competent authority shall place the approved quarantine centre under official supervision;
- b samples for virological examination as set out in point 2 of Annex V shall be taken from those birds and sentinel birds and shall be analysed accordingly;
- c no birds shall enter or leave the approved quarantine centre until the suspicion is ruled out.

4 If the suspicion of avian influenza or Newcastle disease in the affected unit of the approved quarantine centre as referred to in paragraph 3 is confirmed, the following measures shall be taken:

- a all birds and sentinel birds in the affected unit of the approved quarantine centre shall be killed and destroyed;
- b the unit concerned shall be cleaned and disinfected;
- c the following samples shall be taken:
 - (i) where sentinel birds are used, not earlier than 21 days following the final cleaning and disinfection of the unit concerned, samples for serological examination as set out in Annex V must be taken from sentinel birds in the other quarantine units; or

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- (ii) where no sentinel birds are used, during 7 to 15 days following the final cleaning and disinfection, samples for virological examination as set out in point 2 of Annex V must be taken from birds in the other quarantine units;
- d no birds shall leave the approved quarantine centre until the results of the sampling provided for in point (c) have been confirmed as negative.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Art. 13(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1462), regs. 1(3), 63(12) (with regs. 69-71)

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