

REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGULATION RESPECTING THE DESIGNATION OF A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE AND AN INFECTIOUS AGENT, AND THE CONFINEMENT OF CAPTIVE BIRDS

What is meant by “birds”?

All birds reared or kept in captivity for the production of meat, eggs for consumption or other commercial products, for restocking supplies of game or for breeding those categories of birds, and includes show fowl.

Examples: hens, chickens, turkeys, ducks, coturnix, guinea fowl, geese, pheasants, Warren hens, ostriches, emus, rheas.

Effective November 4, 2005

OBLIGATIONS OF THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF BIRDS

- take the necessary steps to prevent his birds from coming into direct or indirect contact with wild birds;
- confine his birds within a facility erected and laid-out in a manner that prevents any direct or indirect contact with wild birds;
- refrain from using surface water to clean the rearing premises, buildings or equipment or to water the birds.

If it is impossible for the owner or custodian of birds to confine his birds, he must:

- notify MAPAQ in writing, **before November 12, 2005** at the following address:
Ministère de l’Agriculture, des
Pêcheries et de l’Alimentation du Québec
Institut national de santé animale
200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 11^e étage
Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6
- feed or water his birds within covered premises or using feeders and water fountains that are protected in such a manner that wild birds cannot have access to them or soil them;
- notify MAPAQ immediately of any death (except those attributable to slaughter, accident or injury);
- obtain the visit of a veterinarian **before November 26, 2005**. The latter must:
 - examine the birds;
 - take samples;
 - report on the results to MAPAQ as soon as possible.

- effective **January 1, 2006**, **HE MUST CONFINE HIS BIRDS** within a facility erected and laid-out in a manner that prevents any direct or indirect contact with wild birds.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF OSTRICHES, EMUS OR RHEAS

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- feed and water his birds within covered premises or using feeders and water fountains that are protected or by means of feeders or water bowls protected in such a manner that wild birds cannot have access to them or soil them;
- refrain from using surface water to clean the rearing premises, buildings or equipment or to water the birds;
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