

when it has been determined by the Service that:

(i) No *Mycoplasma synoviae* is known to exist nor to have existed in turkey breeding flocks in production within the State during the preceding 12 months;

(ii) All turkey breeding flocks in production are tested and classified as U.S. M. *Synoviae* Clean or have met equivalent requirements for *M. synoviae* control under official supervision;

(iii) All turkey hatcheries within the State only handle products that are classified as U.S. M. *Synoviae* Clean or have met equivalent requirements for *M. synoviae* control under official supervision;

(iv) All shipments of products from turkey breeding flocks other than those classified as U.S. M. *Synoviae* Clean, or equivalent, into the State are prohibited;

(v) All persons performing poultry disease diagnostic services within the State are required to report to the Official State Agency within 48 hours the source of all turkey specimens that have been identified as being infected with *M. synoviae*;

(vi) All reports of *M. synoviae* infection in turkeys are promptly followed by an investigation by the Official State Agency to determine the origin of the infection; and

(vii) All turkey breeding flocks found to be infected with *M. synoviae* are quarantined until marketed under supervision of the Official State Agency.

(2) The Service shall have grounds to revoke its determination that the State is entitled to this classification if any of the conditions described in paragraph (d)(1) of this section are discontinued; if repeated outbreaks of *M. synoviae* occur in turkey breeding flocks described in paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section; or if an infection spreads from the originating premises. The Service shall not take such an action until it has conducted a thorough investigation and the Official State Agency has been given an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with rules of practice adopted by the Administrator of the Service.

11. In § 145.52, a new paragraph (c) would be added to read as follows:

**§ 145.52 Participation.**

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(c) Subject to the approval of the Service and the Official State Agencies in the importing and exporting States, participating flocks may report poultry sales to importing States by using printouts of computerized monthly shipping and receiving reports in lieu of VS Form 9-3, "Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults."

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12. The authority citation for part 147 would continue to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 429; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.51, and 371.2(d).

**§ 147.5 [Amended]**

13. In § 147.5, footnote 4 would be amended by removing the words "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, Operational Support, 4700 River Road Unit 33, Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1231" and adding the words "National Poultry Improvement Plan, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, 1500 Klondike Road, Suite A-102, Conyer, GA 30207" in their place.

14. Section 147.6 would be amended as follows:

a. In § 147.6, paragraph (b)(2) would be amended by adding two new sentences at the end of the paragraph to read as set forth below.

b. In paragraph (b)(8), the words "on the retest" would be added immediately after the word "positive".

**§ 147.6 Procedure for determining the status of flocks reacting to tests for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, *Mycoplasma synoviae*, and *Mycoplasma meleagridis*.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \* *Provided*, that for egg-type and meat-type chicken and waterfowl, exhibition poultry, and game bird flocks, if more than 50 percent of the samples are positive for either *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, *M. synoviae*, or both, the HI and/or the SPD test shall be conducted on 10 percent of the positive samples or 25 positive samples, whichever is greater. The results of the HI and/or SPD tests must be followed by the action prescribed in paragraphs (b)(3), (b)(4), and (b)(5) of this section.

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15. Section 147.11 would be amended as follows:

a. Paragraph (a)(3) would be amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the paragraph to read as set forth below.

b. In paragraph (a)(4), the last sentence would be amended by adding the words "and paragraph (a)(5) of this section" immediately after the words "illustration 2", and by adding the words "and a colony lift assay to aid in the detection of group D salmonella colonies" immediately after the word "XLT4".

c. Paragraph (a)(5) would be revised as set forth below.

d. At the end of paragraph (a)(6), in illustration 2, in the leftmost box in the

second row, the words "Evaluation by rapid detection systems (antigen capture, gene probe, etc.)" would be removed and the words "Evaluate by rapid detection systems (antigen capture, gene probe, colony lift assay, etc.). Follow instructions for confirmation of positives and negatives." would be added in their place.

**§ 147.11 Laboratory procedure recommended for the bacteriological examination of salmonella.**

(a) \* \* \*

(3) \* \* \* As a supplemental procedure, a colony lift assay may also be used as a screening test to aid in the detection of group D salmonella suspect colonies on selective and nonselective agar culture plates, if desired.

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(5) As a supplement to the standard colony pick to triple sugar-iron (TSI) and lysine-iron (LI) agar slants, a group D colony lift assay may be utilized to signal the presence of hard-to-detect group D salmonella colonies on agar culture plates. A system such as the Analytical Profile Index for Enterobacteriaceae (API) may also be utilized to aid cultural identifications.

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**§§ 147.12, 147.14, 147.15, and 147.16 [Amended]**

16. In §§ 147.12, 147.14, 147.15, and 147.16, footnotes 11 through 21 and their references would be redesignated as footnotes 12 through 22.

17. Section 147.12 would be amended as follows:

a. Paragraphs (a) through (c) would be redesignated as follows:

*Old section:*

147.12(a), introductory text

147.12(a)(1)

147.12(a)(2)

147.12(b), introductory text

147.12(b)(1)

147.12(c), introductory text

147.12(c)(1)

147.12(c)(2)

147.12(c)(2)(i)

147.12(c)(2)(ii)

*New section:*

147.12(b)(1)

147.12(b)(1)(i)

147.12(b)(1)(ii)

147.12(b)(2)

147.12(b)(2)(i)

147.12(b)(3)

147.12(b)(3)(i)

147.12(b)(3)(ii)

147.12(b)(3)(ii)(A)

147.12(b)(3)(ii)(B)

b. A new paragraph (a) and an introductory paragraph (b) would be added to read as set forth below.