



APPENDIX 7 DEAD BIRD COLLECTION

(not applicable to ratites)

Objective: to eliminate as much as possible infection or contamination spreading between sheds and between batches

1. Dead birds must be collected regularly from the property. Frequency of collection will be determined by factors such as type of poultry, size and climatic conditions. Dead birds should be stored in a freezer if the frequency of collection is likely to cause environmental impacts or increased biosecurity risk.
2. If used, the freezer must have sufficient capacity to adequately handle carcasses between collections and must be cleaned and sanitised between batches.
3. Collection area must be as far as practical away from the production area so that the collection vehicle does not enter the site. For example a shed could be provided on a concrete base with doors on both sides, one for birds in, the other for birds out. Dead birds must not be left in the public view.
4. All containers used for collecting dead birds must be washed and disinfected before returning them to the production area.