glossary of terms

The definitions given below have been selected and restricted to those that are likely to be useful to users of this OIE Terrestrial Manual.

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• Seroconversion

i) Demonstration of a change from a seronegative to a seropositive condition using a serological assay specific for the antigen

OR

ii) Demonstration of a four-fold or more rise in antibody titre between an acute and convalescent serum using an ordinal test specific for the antigen.

• Specific antibody negative (SAN) eggs

Used in relation to animals that have been shown by the use of appropriate tests to be free from antibodies to specific avian pathogenic microorganisms, and also eggs derived from SAN birds.

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