

United States Postal Service®

# INDUSTRY ALERT

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## Virulent Newcastle Disease - Pacific Area (Southern California)

*Per the California Department of Food and Agriculture, there has been a resurgence of Virulent Newcastle Disease in Southern California. The quarantine remains in effect. There is no end date.*

Due to the Virulent Newcastle Disease (VND) Regional Quarantine in the state of California the United States Postal Service is updating our alert to no longer allow shipments of birds (all), hatching or embryonated eggs into or out of zip codes 90000-93599.

VND, formerly known as Exotic Newcastle Disease, is a serious, highly contagious viral disease that can affect poultry and other birds. It is important that all commercial and non-commercial poultry owners maintain effective barriers to mitigate the risk of VND. VND is a nearly-always fatal respiratory infection in poultry for which there is no cure.

The Postal Service ban includes the State of California quarantine area and includes other Postal areas that could potentially transport birds, hatching or embryonated eggs.

This quarantine is effective immediately across the following affected Districts.

- San Diego
- Los Angeles
- Santa Ana
- Sierra Coastal

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