

Export Procedures – Table Eggs to Taiwan

This instruction outlines specific certification and shipping requirements prescribed for shell eggs to be exported to Taiwan.

I. Product Requirements

- All shell eggs must originate from the United States.
- Shell eggs must originate from breeder flocks that participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) administered by the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) / USDA.
- Product must be in compliance with the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) regulations for the Prevention of Salmonella Enteritidis in Shell Eggs during Production, Storage, and Transport.
- Product must be processed and packed under USDA supervision in approved shell egg facilities utilizing either USDA's voluntary resident or temporary grading service.
- Product must be washed and sanitized with compounds approved by USDA for food use.
- Product must originate from **layer flocks** participating in the NPIP H5/H7 Avian Influenza Monitored Program. A listing of commercial table egg layer flocks approved for export can be found here:
<http://www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/ShellEggLayerFlocksApprovedforExport.pdf>

II. Grade Requirements

The shell eggs must be graded and certified as U.S. Grade A or better, as outlined in the United States Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs ([AMS 56](#)).

III. Animal Health Verification

Shell eggs must be derived from **breeder flock(s)** that participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). The **layer flocks** must also be registered with the NPIP H5/H7 Avian Influenza Monitored Program.

- **NPIP Breeder Flock Requirement:** Producers must provide a copy(s) of APHIS Form VS 9-3, Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks and Poults to the USDA Grader for each layer flock used to complete the export consignment. For intrastate movement, where the Form VS 9-3 would not be issued, producers must provide the USDA Grader with an invoice(s) listing their NPIP approval number for each flock.
- **NPIP Table Egg Layer Flock Requirement:** Prior to processing, USDA Graders will verify that each source flock is listed on the [NPIP website](#) for monitoring Avian Influenza. Eligible source flock(s) utilized to fill export orders will be recorded on the daily grading worksheet, PY-75 or PY-211.

IV. Prevention of Salmonella Enteritidis in Shell Eggs during Production, Storage, and Transport

Shell egg producers must be in compliance with the Food and Drug Administrations (FDA), Final Rule for the Prevention of Salmonella Enteritidis in Shell Eggs during Production, Storage, and Transport. A producer receiving a “Letter of Warning” from FDA officials is not eligible to export until FDA provides information that corrective action(s) has been implemented. The National Office will notify appropriate Regional staff when a facility is ineligible to export due to FDA regulatory action.

V. Packing, Packaging, and Stamping

All packing and packaging material must be new, showing no evidence of previous use or evidence of visible foreign material. Each shipping case will be identified with the “USDA Graded for Export” stamp.

VI. Transport Unit

Transport unit/container used to export eggs to Taiwan must be reasonably clean and designed to provide refrigeration. Graders are to document the cleanliness of the transport unit and verification that the transport unit is supplied with functional refrigeration equipment on Form PY-75 or PY-211, as applicable. When unsanitary conditions are observed in a transport unit or the refrigeration equipment is not functional, the grader will notify a responsible plant official of the conditions. Product is not to be loaded onto the transport unit until the unsanitary conditions or the function of the refrigeration equipment has been corrected. When such conditions occur, the grader will document, including the name of the plant official notified, the details on the applicable worksheet.

The transport unit must be sealed (plant/company seal) prior to departure from the processing facility. The USDA grader is not required to be present at the time of shipment provided the condition of the transport unit is acceptable, the shipping cases are properly identified, and the seal(s) number is recorded on the certificate issued. The seal(s) number must appear on the Form PY-210S certificate issued covering the shipment.

VII. Duration of Quality (Expiration Dating)

If a prefix, EXP or Best By, is used with a duration of quality that exceeds U.S. domestic policy, the following disclaimer will be printed in the remarks section of the Shell Egg Grading Certificate, PY-210S:

“The expiration date declared on the product is the responsibility of the applicant.”

NOTE: the maximum duration period cannot exceed 90 days, including date of pack.

When shell eggs are identified with an expiration date exceeding domestic standards, the shipping container must be identified in a manner to assure that the eggs are intended for export. I.e., “FOR EXPORT ONLY.” Assuring that each shipping container is identified with the “Graded for Export” stamp fulfills this export labeling requirement.

VIII. Certification

Shell eggs shall be certified to meet U.S. Grade A or Grade AA standards as stated on Form PY-210S, Shell Egg Grading Certificate. Plant management must notify the USDA grader of pending export orders, request certification prior to processing, and provide the grader the following information:

- Name/address of receiver/buyer
- Size of lot to be certified
- Flock identification and location information
- If applicable, date product will arrive for processing
- Identify proposed schedule for processing and shipment
- Other applicable documents referenced above prior to issuance of the export certificates.

The remarks section of the Form PY-210S certificate must include the following three statements that APHIS officials will reference when verifying information supporting the issuance of the Veterinary Service (VS) Form 16-4 containing the animal health attestations for the egg-laying flock(s). **Do not issue a Disease Free Statement for shell eggs destined for Taiwan.**

1. “Eggs originate from a layer flock(s) located in the following state(s): *[insert state(s) where the layer flock(s) is located]*”
2. “Processing/packaging facility: *[insert name and address of processing/packaging facility]*”
3. “Eggs were processed/packaged on: *[insert date(s) of processing/packaging]*”

Taiwan authorities will only accept animal health statements issued and signed by a veterinarian. Therefore, upon completion of the Form PY-210S and prior to shipment, plant management must obtain a VS Form 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products, by contacting the APHIS Area Veterinarian-in-Charge (AVIC), for the state(s) in which the layer flock(s) is located. A current list of AVIC contacts is available on the APHIS website at:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/nies_contacts/sc.pdf

It is the exporter’s responsibility to forward the Shell Egg Grading Certificate, Form PY-210S, to the applicable APHIS AVIC area office to request and secure the VS Form 16-4. Both the VS Form 16-4 and the FormPY-210S (original with signature in blue ink) must be presented to the foreign government authorities at the point of entry to Taiwan.

See **Exhibit I** as an example of Form PY-210S, Shell Egg Grading Certificate.

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