

Export Procedures – Table Eggs to Chile

This instruction outlines specific animal health verification criteria, grading, certification, and shipping requirements prescribed for shell eggs to be exported to Chile.

I. General 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 originate from **layer flocks** participating in the NPIP H5/H7 Avian Influenza Monitored Program.
- 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.
- Production facilities must apply a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system or an equivalent. An equivalent system consists of the Safe Quality Food (SQF) Program with a facility certification level of two or higher. Other audit based programs used to verify HACCP compliance may be evaluated for suitability by the National Office.

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](#)).

The table eggs shall be infertile. Therefore, eggs from commercial free-range flocks are not eligible for certification. The packer must provide a signed Certificate of Conformance (CoC) on company letterhead verifying the source flock requirement.

III. Weight Requirements

Product must meet the requirements of the marked U.S. weight class, as defined in the United States Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs ([AMS 56](#)).

IV. 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 (AI) 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 (Avian Influenza Program)**: 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, LP-75 or PY-211. An egg production site that does not appear on the APHIS website at the time of processing the identified eggs is not eligible for exporting shell eggs to Chile.

Each approved flock will be documented on the Log of Approved Flocks Tested for Avian Influenza (Exhibit I). If a previously approved layer flock is removed from the NPIP List of Commercial Layer Flocks, the reference log must be updated. The reference log is to be kept in “file folder 2” of the graders' official files. Graders are to contact their supervisor for questions concerning the eligibility of a flock. During routine plant visits, Federal-State Supervisors are to review the referenced log and company records to assure compliance with these guidelines.

V. Processing Requirements

Product shall be processed and packed in accordance with the regulations under continuous USDA supervision in shell egg facilities utilizing either USDA resident or temporary voluntary shell egg grading service.

A. Concentration Levels of Disinfecting Solution

The table eggs shall be disinfected with a concentration level of 100 - 200 parts per million of sodium hypochlorite (chlorine) or its equivalent, approved for the processing of table eggs for human consumption.

B. 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, (**maximum 90 days**) the following disclaimer will be printed in the remarks section of the Shell Egg Grading Certificate, LPS-210S:

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

C. Packing/Packaging

- All packing material shall be new, showing no evidence of previous use. Each shipping case shall be sealed (tape, glue, etc.).
- The interior packaging material (cartons and flats) shall be new, showing no evidence of adhering foreign material or previous use.
 - Plant management is responsible for the proper labeling of shell eggs packaged in containers (i.e. cartons, sleeves, overwrap, and boxes) for direct sale to the consumer.

- Each shipping case and consumer package must be labeled, “Refrigerated Eggs”
- Shipping pallets shall be new or good used, free of visible evidence of adhering foreign material, and/or structural damage.

D. Packing Case Labeling

- Labels must be printed or stamped in a central location on the end of each case. Handwritten or stenciled stamps are not acceptable.
- Each shipping container must be stamped with the USDA Graded for Export Stamp bearing the appropriate certificate number and plant number. Pre-printed shipping case labels or hand stamps may be used.

Case Label requirements:

- The plant number assigned to the packer/producer.
- Name and address of the packer.
- Country of origin – “Product of USA”.
- Quantity in each case. For example, 30-Dozen or 15-Dozen may be on each shipping case. However, the individual egg count must be placed on the case end label. For example, “360-eggs” or “180-eggs”.
- The words, “Keep Refrigerated”, or other similar terminology shall be declared on each shipping case.
- The “Safe Handling” statement shall be on each shipping case, or the statement may accompany the shipping invoice.
- Packing date listed in the “Month-Day-Year” format (MM-DD-YYYY).
- Expiration date (if applicable) in “Month-Day-Year” format

VI. Transport Unit

Transport unit/container used to export eggs 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 LP-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 LPS-210S certificate issued covering the shipment.

VII. Certification

Shell eggs shall be certified to meet U.S. Grade A or Grade AA standards as stated on Form LPS-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 following information is to be included on the certificate:

- “Certified for Export – Fit for Human Consumption”, shown in the remarks section.
- Company seal number and the transport unit identification number shall be listed in the remarks section.
- The following net weight declaration shall be listed in the remarks section:
 - The net weight of the lot(s) of eggs covered by this certificate is based on the average net weight of the samples examined. [Total net weight = total number of cases multiplied by the average case weight for the lot(s)].
- The USDA grader’s name shall be printed or typed on the official documents. The signature shall appear in blue ink.
- The USDA Graded for Export stamp imprint shall appear in blue ink on the Form LPS-210S and the Disease Free Statement.
- The total number of cases for the shipment shall be listed in the remarks section. If multiple lots are combined in a shipment, the total number must be listed in the remarks section.

The original Form LPS-210S, Shell Egg Grading Certificate, and the Disease Free Certification Statements for Chile will be provided to plant management. Copies of these certificates can be made but, the original (printed name in black ink. Signature and export stamp in blue ink) must be presented at the point of entry to the foreign country. See Export 01 – Export Certification Requirements, for further instructions when additional copies are required.



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