

July 21, 2015

TO: Shell Egg Graders

FROM: Jason Julian   
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SUBJECT: Export Certification of Eggs for Breaking Purposes in Free Trade Zones Located Within the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

This instruction outlines the certification of shell eggs for breaking and catering purposes in the Free Trade Zone under the jurisdiction of the municipalities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Free Trade Zones are defined by the municipalities listed below:

Within the United Arab Emirates, there are seven city-states:

- Abu Dhabi
- Dubai
- Sharjah
- Ajman
- Umm al-Quwain
- Ras al-Khaimah
- Fujairah

**I. Product Requirements**

All shell eggs must originate from chicken laying flocks (*Gallus Gallus*) located in the United States of America. Shell eggs must originate from breeder flocks that participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) administered by APHIS / USDA. Only layer flocks meeting the authorized animal health attestations stated on the Disease Free Certification Statements - United Arab Emirates (UAE) are eligible for grading and certification.

Individual eggs are not required to be identified (stamped or marked with information).

**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. Weight Requirements**

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

**IV. Processing Requirements**

Product must be processed and packed under continuous voluntary supervision in shell egg facilities utilizing either USDA resident or temporary grading service, as outlined in the Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs (7 CFR Part 56).

A. Expiration Dating (durability of quality declaration)

- Plant management is responsible for the durability of quality, declared on the certificate (PY-210S) and the shipping case label.
- Each shipping case must be identified with the production code (packing date) and an expiration date since the individual eggs are not marked.
- The following statement will be printed in the remarks section of the Shell Egg Grading Certificate:

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

The disclaimer statement above shall immediately follow the declaration of the production code and the associated expiration date. For example, a 90-day expiration date shall be recorded as, “Lot 213 identified with expiration date 29-10-2015” which is, October 29, 2015 followed by the disclaimer statement above.

B. Packing/Packaging

- All packing material must be new, showing no evidence of previous use.
- The interior packaging material (cartons and flats) must be new, showing no evidence of adhering foreign material or previous use.
- Each shipping case must be identified with the USDA Graded For Export Stamp (pre-printed on the shipping case label or traditional hand stamp) with the applicable certificate number.
- Pallets must be new or good used, free of visible evidence of adhering foreign material, and/or structural damage.

C. 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.
- The plant number assigned to the packer/producer must be shown.
- The production code declared as a Day/Month/Year format must appear on the shipping case preceded by the letter “P”. For example, P 12/05/2015 would be a production date of May 12, 2015.
- The expiration date declared as a Day/Month/Year format must appear on the shipping case preceded by the letter “E”. For example, E 11/06/2015 would be an expiration date of June 11, 2015.
- The Country of Origin “U.S.A.” or “United States of America” must be declared on the label.
- The words, “Keep Refrigerated”, or other similar terminology must be declared on either the label or shipping case.
- The Statement of Identity, “Eggs” may appear on either the label or shipping case.
- The “Safe Handling” statement may appear on either the label, shipping case, or the statement may accompany the shipping invoice.

## V. Transport Unit

Transport units used to export eggs to the Free Trade Zone under the jurisdiction of a defined municipality in the United Arab Emirates must be determined clean by an authorized USDA grader, upon physical examination.

Graders are to visibly examine and document (Form, PY-75 or PY-211, as applicable) the cleanliness of the transport unit and assure the refrigeration unit is capable of providing adequate refrigeration (ambient transport temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit or less) during transport.

- When unsanitary conditions are observed in transport units or when a refrigeration unit is not present or functional, the grader will notify a responsible plant official of the conditions. Product is not to be loaded onto the unit until the unsanitary conditions have been corrected.
- Transport units without functional refrigeration units are not eligible for transport of table eggs. When such conditions occur, the grader will document the details of the occurrence, including the name of the plant official(s) notified, on the applicable worksheet (Form, PY-75 or PY-211, as applicable).

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

## VI. Certification

The eggs certified as meeting the requirements of at least U.S. Grade A may be based on the results of either online sampling or full-size stationary lot grading. When using the stationary lot option, percentages from the samples taken must be reported on the certificate.

The following information is to be included on the certificate:

- The USDA plant number (P-1234).
- The USDA graders signature must be in blue ink.
- The name and address (City, State, Zip Code) of the importer and exporter.
- The product's Country of Origin (U.S.A. or the United States of America).
- The Lot Number (three-digit number, such as 123 or 006)
- The USDA, Graded For Export Stamp must be imprinted onto the Form, PY-210S, in blue ink

The following statement will be printed in the remarks section of the Shell Egg Grading Certificate:

**“Fit for Human Consumption. The eggs are destined for further processing in the Free Trade Zone under the jurisdiction of a defined municipality in the United Arab Emirates.”**

A statement indicating that the production facility applies 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.

**“The eggs were produced in an USDA approved facility that applies a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system or an equivalent system.”**

The original and any additional copies of Form, PY-210S, Shell Egg Grading Certificate and the Disease Free Certification Statements for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will be provided to plant management to accompany the shipment.

The importer is responsible for presenting the original USDA certification documents (signatures appearing in blue ink) to foreign government officials at the port of entry to the respective Free Trade Zone area(s) in the United Arab Emirates.

Exhibits I & II; Examples of a Completed Form, PY-210S, Export Certificate.

Exhibit III; Example of a Completed “Disease Free Statement – United Arab Emirates (UAE)”.

Exhibit IV; Example of a Shipping Case Label.

File these instructions as E-35a EXPORTS in the Supervisors/Resident Graders Shell Egg Index.

(See reverse side of form for OMB and EEO Statement)

FORM OMB APPROVED - NO. 0581-0127

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
 POULTRY PROGRAMS  
**SHELL EGG  
 GRADING CERTIFICATE**



This certificate is receivable in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

CERTIFICATE NO.  
**SEA-** XXXXXXXX  
 PLACE EXAMINED  
 City, State  
 PLANT NUMBER  
 P-XXXX

TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)  Applicant Name and Address City, State, Zip Code  Country of Origin - U.S.A.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER <sup>1/</sup>  Exporter Name and Address City, State, Zip Code	NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER <sup>1/</sup>  Importer Name and Address
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LOT NO.	NO. OF CONTAINERS PER LOT <sup>1/</sup>	NO. OF CONTAINERS EXAMINED	NET WT. <sup>2/</sup>	PERCENTAGES								U.S. OFFICIAL GRADE AND SIZE
				AA	A	B	B*	Dirtyies	Checks	Loss	Under Wt. <sup>3/</sup>	
213	750	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	U.S. Grade A Medium

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION							CASES STAMPED WITH	
	EGGS	TYPE OF PACKING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CASE QUALITY RANGE	CHARACTER OF LOSS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE			
213	Fresh	New 30-Dz.	New Filler Flats	--	--	Cooler 43 F	U.S. Graded For Export	<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All	
	White	Fiber, Taped						<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All	
								<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All	
								<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All	

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for: E-35a, Breaking Stock Destined to the United Arab Emirates (UAE),  dated 07/21/2015.	Check each applicable box: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product represented on this certificate meets the requirements for the stated grade and size as determined by online sampling on <u>DD/MM/YYYY</u> .  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disease Free Certification Statements attached.
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REMARKS  
 Fit for Human Consumption  
 Lot 213 identified with expiration date DD-MM-YYYY. The expiration date declared on the product is the responsibility of the applicant.  
 Transport Seal # EF1234  
 Lot 213= 750/30-dozen cases  
 The eggs were produced in an USDA approved facility that applies a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system or an equivalent system.

\*\* USDA Graded for Export Stamp (In Blue Ink) Here \*\*

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

In compliance with the Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture Governing the Grading of Shell Eggs issued pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, and any other Act of Congress conferring like authority, it is certified that the product(s) listed hereon were examined and that the class, quality, quantity, and/ or condition of the product(s) at the time and on the date shown, were as stated above.

Signature in Blue Ink

DD/MM/YYYY

OFFICIAL GRADER (Signature)

DATE

<sup>1/</sup> As stated by applicant or contractor.

<sup>3/</sup> Eggs reported as undersized are also reported under other headings according to their quality.

<sup>2/</sup> Weights based on 30-dozen equivalent.

(See reverse side of form for OMB and EEO Statement)

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PLACE EXAMINED  
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213	750	19	42.52	93.5	--	2.75	--	.25	3.5	--	--	U.S. Grade A Medium

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**Disease Free Certification Statements for the United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

Shell Egg Grading Certificate No. SEA - 1234567 Dated: DD/MM/YYYY

“The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services certifies that:

The poultry from which the eggs were derived originate from:

- a. A county free of highly pathogenic avian influenza, as defined by the OIE, for the previous 3 months.
- b. Farms, in a 25 km area, that have no record of an OIE listed disease that can be transmitted by the certified product.
- c. Salmonella enteritidis (SE) – certified breeding flocks which have not been identified within 90 days before shipment as being infected with SE, including SE phage type 4.

These eggs were produced in the county(ies) in the state of (state name) identified below:”

County Name, State Name

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Written Name of Grader (Blue Ink)

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Written Name of Grader

Signature of Grader (Blue Ink)

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Signature of Grader



USDA Graded For  
Export Stamp Here

Stamp Impression

# Exhibit IV

**U.S. Grade A, Medium**

**30-Dozen Cases**

**P-1234**

**P 01/08/2015 (DD/MM/YY)**

**E 29/10/2015 (DD/MM/YY)**

**Country of Origin – U.S.A.**

**Optional:**

**Keep Refrigerated** – (If not present on label, must be on shipping case).

**The Statement of Identity (EGGS)** – (If not present on label, must be on shipping case).

**Safe Handling Statement** – (Must be on label, shipping case, or the statement may accompany the shipping invoice.)

**Pre-Printed or hand stamped** - Graded For Export Stamp With Certificate Number must be used to mark the shipping case. Prior approval from the National Office is required for pre-printed USDA grademarks placed on the label.