



SHIPMENTS TO GUAM

The Guam Department of Agriculture has issued guidance for shipments of shell eggs. Guam is a territory of the United States and is technically not considered an export by USDA/APHIS. For certification purposes, the export stamp should not be used since the product is to be treated as domestic and is eligible for the grademark stamp. Guam does not have an approved specification but has provided the following guidance to help alleviate labeling issues upon arrival. Ultimately, labeling compliance is the responsibility of plant management.

- Loads must be accompanied by a USDA Shell Egg Grading certificate, LPS-210S.
- On the grading certificate, the **date of packaging** for each lot should be clearly stated in the remarks section. For example: Lot 001 = Date of Pack January 1, 2019.
- Julian date codes are not acceptable for retail cartons/cases of eggs. The terms: “Pack Date,” “Date of Pack,” or DOP are an acceptable means to convey to consumers when the eggs were packaged.
- The date of pack is expressed on the cartons as Month-Day-Year, MM/DD/YY or MM/DD/YYYY. Examples: DOP APR 10, 2019, DOP 04/10/19, or DOP 04/10/2019.
- Cartons with any preprinted type of expiration or sell-by wording may be used without it being obliterated.
- **IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO STAMP INDIVIDUAL EGGS WITH “US”**. Several years ago, Guam removed this requirement from their regulations. This is often costly to producers and is not necessary.

Please share this instruction with applicable facility management.

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