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Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program,
Quality Assessment Division

TO: Shell Egg Graders

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SUBJECT: Export Requirements for Shell Eggs Destined for Angola (Table Eggs)

This instruction outlines specific animal health verification, certification, labeling, and shipping requirements prescribed for shell eggs to be exported to Angola as table eggs.

I. Product Requirements

- All shell eggs must originate from the United States.
- Hatching eggs, chicks, and poults must originate from flocks participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) administered by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). See Exhibit I.
- Flocks must be under a continuous AI testing program monitored by APHIS, USDA, with negative results. Refer to Items III & IV of this instruction.

II. Grade Requirements

- 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. Grade certification may be determined by online or stationary lot grading procedures.
- Product must be processed and packed under continuous USDA supervision in shell egg facilities utilizing either USDA's voluntary resident or temporary grading service.

III. Verification of NPIP Commercial Egg Producers

To be eligible for export to Angola, shell eggs must originate from a flock(s) that participates in the voluntary NPIP, Avian Influenza Testing Program administered by APHIS.

Questions pertaining to the AI testing protocol are to be directed to the APHIS, Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC), for the State(s) in which the flock(s) is located. Producers participating in the NPIP, Avian Influenza Testing Program that are not on the list of production sites maintained by the NPIP must request their respective company veterinarian with oversight of the testing program to contact:

USDA, APHIS, National Poultry Improvement Plan
1498 Klondike Road
Conyers, GA 30094
Telephone: (770) 922-3496

IV. Verification of Flock Testing Procedures

- The number of samples and frequency for testing a flock(s) at a production site will be prescribed by the APHIS, Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC). Producers must provide AI test results to the AVIC. Plant management is responsible for maintaining records of the flock(s) tested, the number of sample tests per flock, the frequency of testing, and the results. These records are subject to review upon request by a USDA representative. APHIS will post an updated list of approved production facilities at the following hyperlink:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/poultry/downloads/npip_shell-egg_exporters.pdf

  USDA graders at facilities that do not have internet connections may call, at the plant's expense, their supervisor for confirmation that the facility has been approved.

- Plant management must establish a flock identification system and, when applicable, a detailed procedure to assure segregation of eggs during storage for the grader to use when verifying eligibility of shell eggs from approved flocks.

- Graders are required to document each approved flock on the Log of Approved Flocks Tested for Avian Influenza (see Exhibit II). If a previously approved layer flock is removed from the NPIP List of Commercial Layer Flocks, the grader will remove the applicable flock information from the log. 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. Packing, Packaging, and Stamping

- All corrugated fiber and pulp filler flats used for packing and packaging material must be new, showing no evidence of previous use.

- All packaging and packing materials must be new with no evidence of previous use or damage.

- Each primary container (carton, sleeve, etc.) must be identified with the official plant number, date of production (Julian date), date of pack (if not the same as the date of production), and the expiration date.

- Shipping containers must be identified with the official plant number, date of production (Julian date), date of pack (if not the same as the date of production), expiration date, and the USDA Graded for Export stamp with applicable certificate number.

- Pallets must be new or good used (clean and free of adhering foreign material).

VI. Shipping Case Label

Printed and computer generated USDA Graded for Export stamps located on the shipping case label must be approved by the National Office prior to printing.

VII. Transport Containers

- Transport containers used to export table eggs to Angola must be determined acceptable and clean for the transport of human food prior to loading. Graders are to confirm the cleanliness of the transport container(s) and document the information on Form PY-75 or 211, as applicable.

- When unsanitary condition(s) are observed in transport container, the grader will notify a responsible plant official of the condition(s). Product is not to be loaded onto the container until the unsanitary condition(s) has been corrected. When this occurs, the grader will document the condition(s) including the name of the processing facility official notified on the applicable worksheet.

- Transport containers must be sealed (company seal) prior to departure from the processing facility. The seal number(s) must appear on the Form PY-210S. If the transport unit has been determined acceptable, the eggs properly labeled, the seal numbers have been recorded on the certificate, and the certified product isolated for shipment, the grader is not required to be present when the loading of the transport unit occurs.

- All table eggs must be stored and transported at a maximum of 45°F (7.2°C) degrees ambient temperature.

VIII. Certification – See Exhibits III & IV

- Upon confirmation of compliance with the AI monitoring program, Form PY-210S shall be completed describing the certified shell eggs for export to Angola.

- All certificates (Form PY-210S) and Disease Free Statements must be typed and signed in blue ink.

- The expiration date cannot exceed 30 days including the date of production.

  Please note: For online facilities, the date of production (daily gathering) will be the same as the date of pack. For offline facilities, the date of production (daily gathering) will be the date of lay; and the date of pack will be the date the eggs were processed and packaged on the grading system. Proper segregation and documentation of the inventory of offline eggs is required.

- Plant management must notify the USDA grader of pending export orders, each certification request, and provide the grader the following information:

  - Name of Producer
  - Size of lot to be certified
  - Flock identification and location information
  - If applicable, date product will arrive for processing
  - When product is to be graded and shipped

- The disease free information (See Exhibit V) must be presented with the Form PY-210S at the border entry point.

- The format of the export certificates (Form PY-210S, Disease Free Statements, and any amendment) cannot be changed. Applicants and brokers cannot request additional information to be included on the certificate.

File these instructions as E-32, EXPORTS, in the Supervisors/Resident Graders Shell Egg Index.

This report is required by certain states for the interstate shipment of poultry products. Failure to report may result in non-acceptance of shipment.

See reverse side for additional OMB information.

FORM APPROVED - OMB NO. 0579-0007

REPORT NO. W200001

1. DATE OF SHIPMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

REPORT OF SALES OF HATCHING EGGS, CHICKS, AND POULTS

2. NAME & ADDRESS OF PURCHASER *(Include zip code)*

3. NAME & ADDRESS OF PRODUCER OR SHIPPER *(Include zip code)*

4. QUANTITY	5. VARIETY, STRAIN, OR TRADE NAME	6. PRODUCT					7. SEX			8. TYPE *(Intended use)*									9. CLASSIFICATION - U.S.										OTHER *(Specify)*	
										Commercial Production Stock			Multiplier Breeding Stock			Primary Breeding Stock														
		Chicken Eggs	Turkey Eggs	Chicks	Poults	Other	Straight-run	Females	Males	Eggs	Meat	Other	Eggs	Meat	Other	Eggs	Meat	Other	Pullorum Typhoid Clean	M. Gallisepticum Clean	M. Synoviae Clean	M. Meleagridis Clean	S. Enteritidis Clean	Sanitation Monitored	Salmonella Monitored	S. Enteritidis Monitored	M.G. Monitored	M.S. Monitored		

10. REMARKS *(Services performed on products in shipment, e.g.; vaccination, debeaking, dubbing, etc., but not necessarily certified by a State Inspector.)*

This is to certify that the above name producer or shipper is participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE INSPECTOR

12. DATE

VS FORM 9-3 (JUN 98) *(Previous editions are obsolete.)*

PART 1 - To Accompany Shipment

Exhibit I

Log of Approved Flocks Tested for Avian Influenza

Plant Name:_____ **Plant Number:**_____

Name of Producer	Address of Producer	Flock Identification (If Applicable)	Approval Valid Through

Exhibit II

(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- 123456

PLACE EXAMINED
City, State

PLANT NUMBER
P-XXXX

TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER 1/	NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER 1/
Facility Name Facility Address City, State, Zip Code	Shipper or Seller Name Shipper or Seller Address City, State, Zip Code	Receiver or Buyer Name Receiver or Buyer Address City, State, Zip Code Country

LOT NO.	NO. OF CONTAINERS PER LOT 1/	NO. OF CONTAINERS EXAMINED	NET WT. 2/	PERCENTAGES								U.S. OFFICIAL GRADE AND SIZE
				AA	A	B	B*	Dirties	Checks	Loss	Under Wt. 3/	
104	See	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	U.S. Grade A Large
	Remarks											

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION							
	EGGS	TYPE OF PACKING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CASE QUALITY RANGE	CHARACTER OF LOSS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE	CASES STAMPED WITH	
104	White	New	New Filler Flats	---	---	Cooler 42F	USDA Graded for Export	☐ Sample ☒ All
		30-Dozen Case					Certificate #123456	☐ Sample ☐ All
								☐ Sample ☐ All
								☐ Sample ☐ All

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for:

E-32, Angola Shell Egg Certification

Requirements (Table Eggs), dated 04/09/2014.

Check each applicable box:

☒ Product represented on this certificate meets the requirements for the stated grade and size as determined by online sampling on MM-DD-YYYY.

☒ Disease Free Certification Statements attached.

REMARKS

Seal Number: XXX-XXXX

Total cases: 750/30-dozen cases.

(USDA Stamp Impression)

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.

Grader Signature in Blue Ink

OFFICIAL GRADER *(Signature)*

MM/DD/YYYY - Blue Ink

DATE

1/ As stated by applicant or contractor.
2/ Weights based on 30-dozen equivalent.
3/ Eggs reported as undersized are also reported under other headings according to their quality.

Full-Size Sampling Exhibit IV

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

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SHELL EGG GRADING CERTIFICATE

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CERTIFICATE NO. **SEA-** 123456

PLACE EXAMINED: City, State

PLANT NUMBER: P-XXXX

TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER 1/	NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER 1/
Facility Name Facility Address City, State, Zip Code	Shipper or Seller Name Shipper or Seller Address City, State, Zip Code	Receiver or Buyer Name Receiver or Buyer Address City, State, Zip Code Country

LOT NO.	NO. OF CONTAINERS PER LOT 1/	NO. OF CONTAINERS EXAMINED	NET WT. 2/	PERCENTAGES								U.S. OFFICIAL GRADE AND SIZE
				AA	A	B	B*	Dirties	Checks	Loss	Under Wt. 3/	
104	See	18	46.65	---	93.35	2.35	---	.10	3.80	.40	---	U.S. Grade A Large
	Remarks											

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION							
	EGGS	TYPE OF PACKING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CASE QUALITY RANGE	CHARACTER OF LOSS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE	CASES STAMPED WITH	
104	White	New	New Filler Flats	87 - 97	LK	Cooler 42 F	USDA Graded for Export	☐ Sample ☒ All
		30-Dozen Case					Certificate #123456	☐ Sample ☐ All
								☐ Sample ☐ All
								☐ Sample ☐ All

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for:

E-32, Angola Shell Egg Certification

Requirements (Table Eggs), dated 04/09/2014.

Check each applicable box:

☐ Product represented on this certificate meets the requirements for the stated grade and size as determined by online sampling on _____.

☒ Disease Free Certification Statements attached.

REMARKS

Total cases = 750/30-dozen cases.

Product represented on this certificate meets the requirements for the stated grade and size as determined by full-size sampling on: MM-DD-YYYY.

(USDA Stamp Impression)

Seal Number: XXX-XXXX

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.

Grader Signature in Blue Ink — OFFICIAL GRADER *(Signature)*

MM/DD/YYYY - Blue Ink — DATE

1/ As stated by applicant or contractor.
2/ Weights based on 30-dozen equivalent.
3/ Eggs reported as undersized are also reported under other headings according to their quality.

PY-210S (01-08) (Previous edition dated 12-03 may be used.)

Exhibit V

United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Disease Free Certification Statements for Angola

Shell Egg Grading Certificate No. SEA - 123456 **Dated:** MM/DD/YYYY

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

No cases of lethal (highly pathogenic) avian influenza (fowl plague), including the highly pathogenic subtype H5N1, and no cases of velogenic Newcastle disease (VND) have been reported in commercial laying chicken flocks in the county(ies) of origin where the eggs originated for the 6 months preceding departure of this consignment. These eggs were produced in the state of (state name) identified below:

Texas

The shell eggs covered by this certificate were produced by birds originating from Salmonella enteritidis (SE) -certified breeding flocks which have not been identified within 90 days before shipment by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, as being infected with SE, including SE phage type 4."

Printed Name in Blue Ink

Printed Name of USDA Grader

Signature in Blue Ink

Signature of USDA Grader