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Poultry Programs

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## **EXPORT CERTIFICATION OF SHELL EGGS DESTINED FOR JAPAN**

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) provides a voluntary shell egg grading program to egg producers for the certification of shell eggs. This egg grading program is provided on a fee for service basis. Official shell egg processing plants must meet minimum sanitary construction requirements and processing procedures as stated in the Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs (7 CFR 56). The AMS is the only federal agency involved with the grading and certification of shell eggs.

### **I. Shell egg processing requirements.**

- A. Shell eggs officially identified (labeled with the USDA grade shield or export stamp) must be processed and packaged under USDA supervision.
- B. Shell eggs must be stored, and processed (washed and sanitized) in accordance with the regulations (7 CFR 56).
  - 1. Verification of approved cleaning and sanitizing compounds
  - 2. Defined washing procedures (minimum washing solution temperature, changing solution at specified interval, etc.)
  - 3. Defined sanitizing procedures (100 to 200 parts per million active chlorine or equivalent).
  - 4. Sanitation of all equipment must be maintained in satisfactory operating conditions.

### **II. Quality assigned in accordance with U.S. Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs (AMS 56)**

- A. Statistical sample size selected for examination by AMS shell egg grader (On-line Sampling or Full-Size Stationary Lot Sampling).
- B. Shell eggs shall be certified U.S. Grade A or better.
- C. Each production lot produced under USDA supervision meeting the required grade standard is eligible to be identified with the USDA grade shield or, in the case of product destined for a foreign country, identified with the "Graded for Export" stamp. The export stamp includes the serial number of the AMS certificate issued.
- D. Each shipping case must be identified with the official plant number preceded by the letter "P" and the production code for traceability purposes.
- E. Shell eggs processed in accordance with USDA regulations may be identified as "Fit For Human Consumption" and have free sale in domestic and foreign commerce.

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### **III. AMS biosecurity policy.**

- A. AMS Poultry Programs policy prohibits personnel from owning avian species or operating farms with avian species.
- B. AMS personnel must follow each egg producer's/packer's established biosecurity procedure to prevent the risk associated with the potential spread of avian diseases.

### **IV. AMS and APHIS Agreement – Animal Health Certification For Shell Eggs**

- A. AMS Poultry Programs is recognized by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA, as an authorized certifying agent.
- B. APHIS officials authorize animal health attestations for inclusion in AMS Certification Statements for Shell Eggs Destined For Japan.
- C. APHIS officials notify AMS when any statement is affected or animal health restrictions are imposed upon an identified geographical zone in the United States.
- D. AMS headquarters distributes electronically export certification information to field operations staff including resident shell egg graders. Refer to **Exhibit I**, AMS Poultry Programs Infrastructure Chart.

### **V. AMS Export Certification – Shell Eggs**

- A. Upon request from egg processor, AMS grader verifies the source layer flock for the eggs identified to be processed.
  - 1. Verify source layer flock originates from a breeder flock participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plant (NPIP). Refer to **Exhibit II**, Veterinary Services Form VS 9-3 issued by the hatchery to the purchaser of the layer chicks. Plant management or the producer must provide records to associate the population of layer production sites with the chicks referenced on the Form VS 9-3.
  - 2. Verify that the eggs did not originate from a layer flock located in a zone under avian disease restrictions as stated in the certification statements issued by the National Office.
  - 3. Verify the identity of the shell eggs upon arrival at the processing plant, if applicable. For example, off-line egg production systems would transport the eggs to an egg processing and packaging facility.
- B. Monitor processing, packaging, identification, and shipping requirements as stated by foreign government certification specifications.
- C. Issue AMS Poultry Programs' Shell Egg Grading Certificate, Form PY-210S (**Exhibits III and IV**), and the public health and the animal health attestations required for the export Certification Statements For shell Eggs Destined For Japan (**Exhibit V**).

1. Certificate identifies the name and address of the packer including the official plant number.
2. Certificate identifies the recipient (importer or consignee) of the product.
3. Describes the packaging and packing materials.
4. Identifies the seal attached to the transport unit.
5. The remarks section includes the following net weight declaration for the entire shipment:

The net weight of the lot(s) of eggs covered by this certificate is based upon the average net weight of the samples examined. (total net weight = total number of cases multiplied by the average case weight for the lot).

- D. AMS grader issues the Certification Statements for Shell Eggs Destined For Japan covering the shipment of shell eggs.

**NOTE:** All original AMS documents issued covering export shipments of shell eggs are signed in blue ink.

#### **VI. Shipment of AMS certified eggs destined for Japan.**

- A. AMS grader inspects sanitation of transport unit.
- B. AMS grader verifies product identity prior to shipment.
- C. AMS verifies transport unit is properly sealed prior to departure from egg packaging facility. Seal number(s) documented on the AMS certificate.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

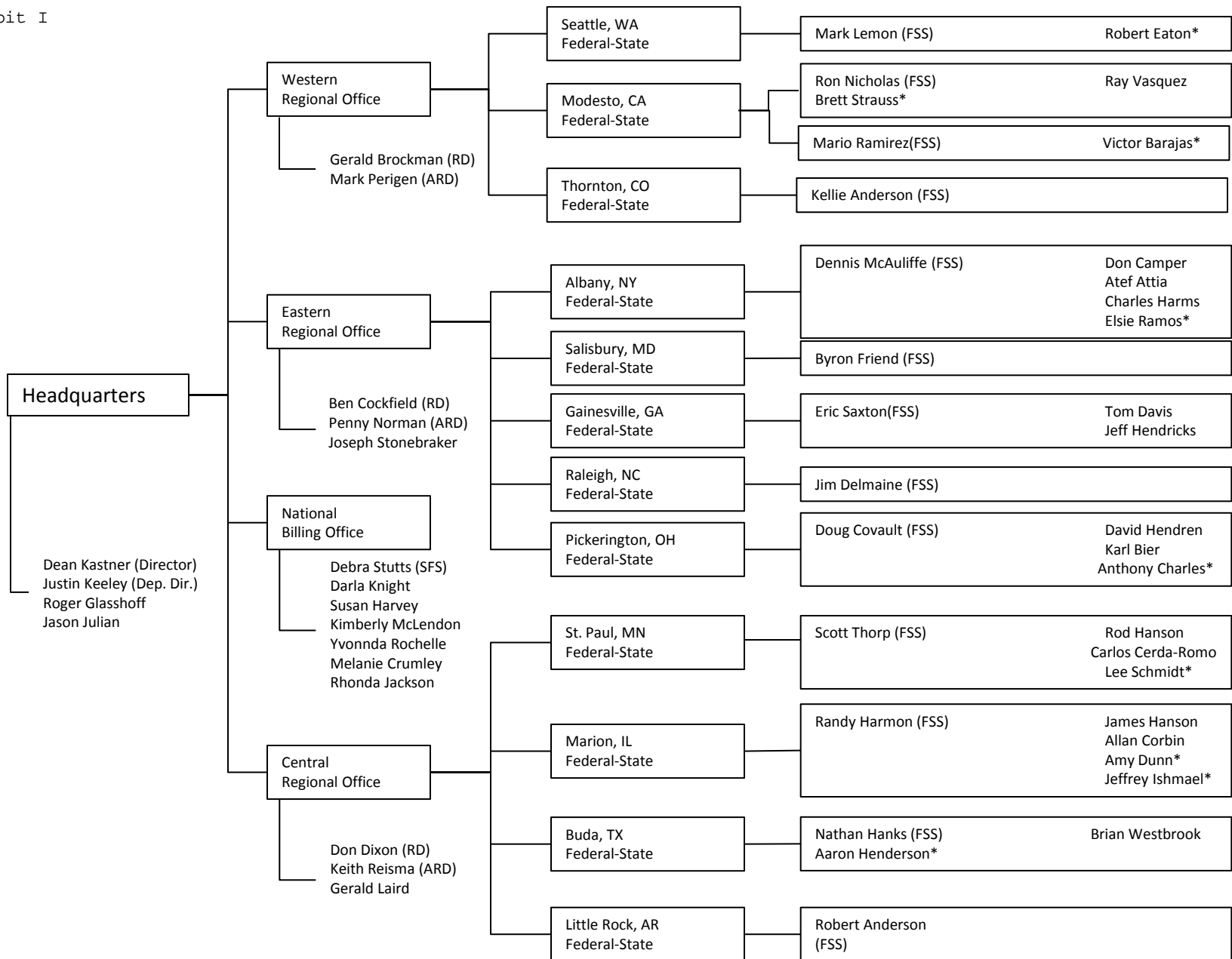
**Exhibit I:** AMS Poultry Programs Infrastructure Chart

**Exhibit II:** Veterinary Services Form 9-3

**Exhibit III:** AMS Shell Egg Grading Certificate, Form PY-210S, On-line Sampled Lot Certificate

**Exhibit IV:** AMS Shell Egg Grading Certificate, Form PY-210S, Full-size Stationary Lot Sampling Certificate

**Exhibit V:** Certification Statements For Shell Eggs Destined For Japan



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. **Y 050501**

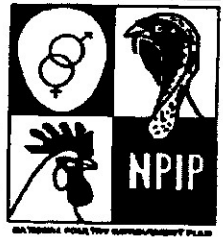
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

1. DATE OF SHIPMENT

**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.															
		Chicken Eggs	Turkey Eggs	Chicks	Poults	Other	Straight-run	Females	Males	Commercial Production Stock			Multiplier Breeding Stock			Primary Breeding Stock			Pullorum Typhoid Clean	M. Gallisepticum Clean	M. Synoviae Clean	M. Meleagridis Clean	S. Enteritidis Monitored	S. Enteritidis Clean	Salmonella Monitored	Sanitation Monitored	Avian Influenza Clean	H5/H7 AI Monitored	H5/H7 AI Clean	M.G. Monitored	M.S. Monitored	OTHER (Specify)
										Eggs	Meat	Other	Eggs	Meat	Other	Eggs	Meat	Other														

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

# Exhibit III

(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- 0000001**

PLACE EXAMINED  
 Westerly, IA

PLANT NUMBER  
 P-XXXX

TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)

Westerly Egg Farms  
 223 8th Avenue West  
 Westerly, IA 50200

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER 1/

R & G Shipping & Trading  
 P.O. Box 221  
 Locust Grove, VA 22548

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER 1/

Tewpoi Corporation  
 1-6-15 Shibuya, Shibuya-ku  
 Tokyo, Japan 150-0022

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*	Dirty	Checks	Loss	Under Wt. 3/		
1	750	ALL											US Grade AA Large

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION							CASES STAMPED WITH	<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All
	EGGS	TYPE OF PACKING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CASE QUALITY RANGE	CHARACTER OF LOSS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE			
1	Fresh	New 30-Dz	New Fiber			Cooler 45 F	USDA Graded For Export	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All	
	White	Fiber Boxes	Filler Flats				Certificate # 0000001		

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for:  
 Japan Export Certification Requirements dated (07/09/2012).

Check each applicable box:

- Product represented on this certificate meets the requirements for the stated grade and size as determined by online sampling on 07/10/2012.
- Disease Free Certification Statements attached.

REMARKS

Seal Number: XXXX  
 Net weight declaration for entire shipment

EXAMPLE: On-line Sampling Certificate

**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.

USDA Grader Signed In Blue Ink

07/10/2012

OFFICIAL GRADER (Signature)

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.

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

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				AA	A	B	B*	Dirties	Checks	Loss	Under Wt. <sup>3/</sup>	
1	750	19	46.56	90.05	7.13	.02	—	—	2.8	—	1.75	US Grade AA Large

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION							
	EGGS	TYPE OF PACKING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CASE QUALITY RANGE	CHARACTER OF LOSS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE	CASES STAMPED WITH	
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