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TO:

Shell Egg Graders

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Export Requirements for Shell Eggs Destined to Afghanistan

This instruction outlines specific certification requirements for shell eggs as prescribed by the Afghanistan Ministry of Agriculture. These requirements were negotiated with authorities of the Ministry of Agriculture following the implementation of initial regulations applicable to the import of shell eggs.

I. **Export Verification and Processing Records**

Afghanistan authorities require that shell eggs imported from the United States be processed, packaged, labeled, and certified as fit for human consumption in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs (7 CFR Part 56).

II. **Grade Requirements**

The shell eggs processed under the supervision of the USDA grader must be graded and certified as meeting U.S. Grade B or better as outlined in the United States Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs (AMS 56).

III. Packaging, Packing, and Stamping

All packing and packaging material must be new, showing no evidence of previous use or damage. Each primary container and shipping container must be identified with the official plant number and date of packaging. Each shipping container must be stamped with the USDA Graded for Export Stamp bearing the appropriate certificate number.

- Labels must be printed, or stamped in a central location on the end of each shipping case.
- Handwritten or stenciled stamps are not acceptable.
- The official plant number assigned to the packer must be legibly printed on each shipping case.
- The words, "Keep Refrigerated", or other similar terminology must be declared on each shipping case.
- The Statement of Identity, "Eggs" must be on each shipping case.
- The "Safe Handling" statement must be on each shipping case, or the statement may accompany the shipping invoice.

IV. Transport Containers

Transport containers for the shipment of shell eggs to Afghanistan must be clean and free of odors. The grader will verify and document the cleanliness of the transport container on the PY-75 applicable to the product identified for shipment. When unsanitary conditions are observed in transport vehicles, the grader will notify a responsible plant official of the conditions. When this occurs, the grader will document the specific conditions and the name of the plant official notified on the applicable worksheet. Product is not to be loaded onto the transport unit until the unsanitary conditions have been corrected.

V. Certification

Plant management must notify the USDA grader of the pending processing of a shipment of shell eggs for export to Afghanistan and provide the grader with the following information:

- Name and address of producer
- Size of the lot to be certified
- Flock(s) identification and location information, including, if applicable, volume of eggs received from each flock.
- When product is scheduled to be graded and shipped
- A statement from the hatchery verifying the layers originate from breeder flocks participating in the USDA, APHIS National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)

VI. Expiration Dating

The following statement will be printed in the remarks section of the Shell Egg Grading Certificate if the expiration date exceeds 30 days from date of pack:

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

Individual eggs stamped with an expiration date exceeding 30 days from date of pack are not eligible to be certified by the USDA for domestic distribution.

See Exhibit I for an example of a completed on-line grading certificate. Note that Form PY-210S must be used for export shipments. The grader will complete the remarks section as shown. The grader will sign the certificate with a blue ink ballpoint pen. The original certificate must be provided to plant management to accompany export documents for presentation to foreign government officials at the point of entry to the country.

The grader will complete the Disease Free Certification Statement for Other Countries (Exhibit II), place an impression of the export stamp on the document, and sign the statement with a blue ink ballpoint pen. The Disease Free Statement will be attached to the original certificate issued.

File these instructions with attached exhibits in E-21, Export in the Shell Egg Index (detailed filing instructions will follow in the next Shell Egg transmittal).

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-** 0123456

PLACE EXAMINED

Almostin, New mexico

PLANT NUMBER P-XXXX

TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)

Bob Wilson Foods, Inc. 57 Corky Road Almostin, New Mexico 87123 NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER 1/

Tom's Transport, Inc. 1400 Industrial Boulevard Leavin, New Mexico 87025 NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER 1/

Ova Foodstuff, Inc. 53S4 NX9 Kabul, Kabul Province Afghanistan

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REMARKS

- The shell eggs covered by this certificate are fit for human consumption.
- Based on information provided by the applicant and to the best of our knowledge, the product was stored and transported at an ambient temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit or less.
- As stated by the applicant, production date(s) for product covered by this certificate are: 05/10/2011 and 05/11/2011.
- Lot 1= 350/30-dozen cases of US Grade A Extra Large Fresh White Shell Eggs; Production Code 130.
- Lot 2 = 400/30-dozen cases of US Grade Λ Extra Large Fresh Brown Shell Eggs; Production Code 131.
- The expiration date declared on the product is the responsibility of the applicant.

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

MM/DD/YYYY

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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.



EXHIBIT II

Disease Free Certification Statements for Other Countries

Shell Egg Grading Certificate No. SEA -	0123456	Dated: MM DO 7444
"The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Anim Services certifies that:	mal and Plant Healt	h Inspection Service, Veterinary

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 county(ies) in the state of (state name) identified below:

JACKSON,	NEW	MEXICO

The shell eggs covered by this certificate were produced by birds originating from <u>Salmonella enteritidis (SE)</u> -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 <u>SE</u>, including <u>SE</u> phage type 4."

SIGNATURE IN BLUE INK
Signature of Grader



Stamp Impression