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**Commodity Specification For
WHOLE EGGS
DATED May 2003**

Amendment No. 1

This amendment revises the type of shell eggs eligible for commodity whole egg production and provides an alternate method for reporting the laboratory analyses results.

1. Section II.B.1., on page 2. Revise sections a. through d. to read as follows:

a. The shell eggs, when presented for breaking, must be:

(1) Commercial nest-run (shell eggs which are merchandised as they come from production facilities without grading or sizing; the eggs may be washed or unwashed);

(2) Commercial consumer grade AA or A (shell eggs which contain no more restricted eggs than permitted for U.S. Consumer Grade B shell eggs); or

(3) U.S. Consumer Grade AA or A based on destination tolerances or U.S. Nest-Run Grade.

b. The shell eggs must not be more than 30 days old when presented for breaking.

c. For the commercial nest-run and commercial consumer grades of shell eggs, the contractor will provide the FSIS food inspector a certificate of conformance certifying the age and quality of shell eggs and stating the lot identification and quantity of each lot prior to breaking.

d. For U.S. Consumer Grades or U.S. Nest-Run Grade of shell eggs, the U.S. Grade may be stated on a USDA Poultry Products Grading Certificate, which accompanies the shell eggs, or the cases of shell eggs may be identified with the USDA Consumer AA or A, Sample Grade AA or A, or Nest Run Grade stamp.

2. Section II.C.1 on page 3, second sentence. Replace the word "will" with "may."
3. Section II.C.2 on page 3, first sentence. Replace the words "Pasteurized bulk liquid egg" with "Bulk liquid egg."
4. Section II.I.5. on page 8. Insert the following paragraph after I.5.b.

As an alternative to reporting the results on the USDA Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate (USDA Certificate), the results may be reported on a laboratory testing report generated by the Laboratory Information Management System. The laboratory testing report will contain the USDA certificate number, and the report may be faxed to recipients.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective with offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, August 18, 2003, and on all subsequent offers. The words "and Amendment Number 1" must be inserted after "the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2003" in item 1 of each offer.

All other terms and conditions of the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2003 remain unchanged.

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