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Mexico Poultry - Final Regulation Regarding Shell Eggs and Egg Products (NOM-159-SSA1-1996)

The final rule requires that once fresh table eggs are refrigerated, they should be kept refrigerated at all points of commerce. This requirement poses a non-tariff trade barrier for U.S. shell eggs because Mexico lacks a continuous cold chain through the retail level. Mexican shell eggs are handled and sold at room temperature. The regulation continues to mandate that, if eggs are washed, they should be treated with vegetable or mineral oil (paraffin) in edible levels after being dried. Other important differences between the proposed and final rule are listed below.

1. Fresh (non-refrigerated) and refrigerated eggs must have been laid within 15 days. When the expiration day is over for both type of eggs, they will be destined for industrial purposes as long as they comply with a thermal treatment that assures the wholesomeness of the product, otherwise those eggs must be destroyed.

2. A regulation from SSA (Secretariat of Health) on sanitary practices (NOM-120) lists eggs as potential hazard foods. NOM-120 states potential hazard foods should be kept under refrigeration at temperatures of 7 degrees Celsius (44.6 degrees F) or less. The final egg regulation, NOM-159, specifically indicates that fresh eggs are not subject to this provision. This is somewhat inconsistent.

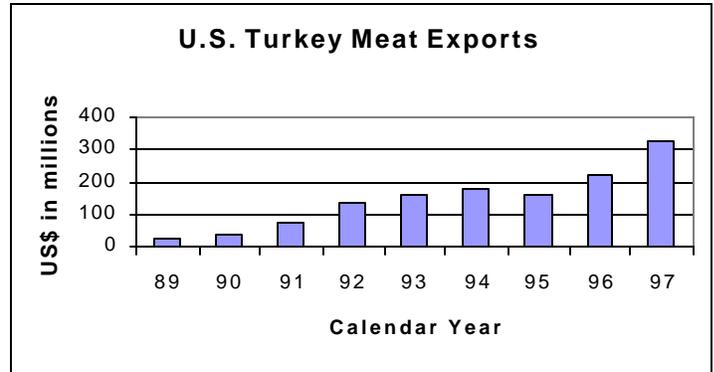
3. The final regulation provides an option to reuse the primary and secondary packaging used for transporting, storing or distributing fresh eggs, as long as a process of cleaning and disinfection is followed according to the mentioned regulation NOM-120.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

JAPANESE FROZEN BROILER IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month 1998	United States	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
July	7,956	19,049	5,098	10,508	42,611
August	6,855	19,646	5,919	8,916	41,336
September	7,014	14,425	3,378	10,341	35,158
October	9,588	13,820	7,994	10,086	41,488
Total YTD 1998	81,858	155,411	58,438	98,712	394,419
July	6,340	18,928	10,378	10,072	45,718
August	9,555	17,025	7,831	10,590	45,001
September	9,817	12,964	8,796	11,248	42,825
October	9,432	15,472	9,938	11,862	46,704
Total YTD 1999	87,201	161,848	76,619	107,335	433,003
YTD-Year to date					

Source: ALIC Monthly statistics



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census

Caribbean Market for Poultry

Poultry is the leading food export item to the islands and the US dominates the large import market for poultry. In 1997, the US accounted for 95 percent (\$105 million f.o.b. value) of the estimated \$110 million import market. Much smaller amounts were imported from the EU and Canada. US poultry exports to the region have been increasing, with 1997 exports up 22 percent over 1996 levels and up 64 percent over 1994 levels.

Frozen chicken cuts/offal accounted for the majority (68% or \$71.2 million) of US exports of poultry to the Caribbean in 1997. Only \$113 thousand of fresh/frozen ducks, geese, and guinea fowls were exported to the Caribbean in 1997.

Jamaica. Poultry product imports totaled \$18.6 million in value in 1997. The US accounted for 97 percent of imports, mostly frozen chicken backs and necks. Frozen legs, thighs and breasts were the frozen cuts of choice for supermarkets, hotels and restaurants due to their long shelf life and high quality standards.

Netherlands Antilles. Poultry imports from the US totaled \$11.8 million in 1997, mostly frozen chicken cuts/offal (\$8.1 million) and frozen turkey cuts/offal (\$2.4 million). According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, the US market share of poultry imports was 66 percent of the value and 75 percent of the volume imported.

St. Lucia. The US had 80 percent of the \$10.2 million market by value. About 86 percent of the value came from frozen chicken parts/offal, however nearly \$1.1 million of frozen turkey parts were imported.

Bahamas. The US supplies most of the Bahamas' import requirements. In 1997 imports totaled 5,727 MT valued at \$7.7 million. Local production does not satisfy consumer demand, especially for such popular cuts as wings and legs. The high number of US tourists also creates a demand for products familiar to the US consumer.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending January 01, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Liquid	154	0	13,443	14,771
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	26	0	710	783
Total	180	0	14,159	15,604

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending January 01, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Liquid	13	0	4,545	3,981
Frozen	19	0	628	224
Dried	0	0	310	235
Total	32	0	5,483	4,440

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

	Week Ending January 01, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Jumbo	18	0	2,448	1,399
Extra Large	73	59	46,775	39,558
Large	5,637	0	163,282	140,009
Medium	1,600	0	56,556	68,505
Ungraded	5,390	0	641,443	371,303
Misc	0	0	11,622	9,117
Total	12,718	59	922,126	629,891

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 14-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED DOCK	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED DOCK
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	18.00
WTD AVERAGE				18.00

40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	13.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00	13.25	

285,600 pounds, this includes 204,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	16.00	-	10.00-13.25	12.50-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.00		11.85	13.80

4,059,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 01-JAN-00 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,596	980	2,576
LAST WEEK	1,694	1,052	2,746
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,836	1,051	2,887
TO-DATE/1999	106,770	72,855	179,625
TO-DATE/1998	104,632	65,049	169,681

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS THOUSANDS		
HEAD	242	0	242
LAST WEEK	348	0	348
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	0	0
TO-DATE/1999	22,925	264	23,189
TO-DATE/1998	24,626	352	24,978

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,838	980	2,818
LAST WEEK	2,042	1,052	3,094
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,836	1,051	2,887
TO-DATE/1999	129,695	73,119	202,814
TO-DATE/1998	129,258	65,401	194,659

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 14-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED DOCK	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED DOCK
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	20.00		17.00	18.00

480,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	18.00-18.50	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.39	18.25		16.00

892,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.25-15.00	15.00-19.00	12.00-13.00	12.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.58	17.67	12.14	12.00

1,434,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.50-12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.68

400,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
 JANUARY 14, 2000

Undertone steady to weak on 4-8 lb. breasts and thigh meat, mechanically separated turkey steady at best and tom drums barely steady to instances weak. Demand and trading on tom drums showing signs of improvement for export with most of the trading in the low to mid 20s. Trading activity also improved on 4-8 lb. breasts at the lower trending price levels. Export demand slow on frozen thigh meat with buyers bidding lower. Offerings of most items available with some held with more confidence than others.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2000

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-28.00		23.57	280	24.84	584
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.89	352	22.25	508
TAILS	15.00		15.00	20	15.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	14.50-17.00	M	15.33	156	15.76	2,460
			65.00	20	65.00	20

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2000

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-26.00		25.53	172
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	104
TAILS		W	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	14.00-16.50	M	16.28	456
			65.00	20

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2000

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	26.61	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	52
TAILS	15.00		15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	14.00-17.00	M	15.18	944
			65.00	20

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2000

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-27.00		26.61	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	21.10	520
TAILS		W	14.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	16.00-17.00	M	16.25	832
			65.00	20

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2000

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	27.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	21.10	520
TAILS		W	14.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	14.00-16.00		15.44	72
	65.00		65.00	20

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.