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TO: Regional Directors  
Federal-State Supervisors  
Personnel Authorized to Perform Department  
of Defense Reinspections

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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Reinspections of Military Shell Egg Purchases

Department of Defense (DOD) reinspections (formerly referred to as "Formal Reviews") may be requested by the contractor through the military contracting officer when shell eggs purchased for troop issue or resale are rejected by the military at destination.

When available, supervisors should perform these reinspections. Alternatively, selected graders may perform these gradings provided they are assigned by a supervisor and given proper instructions. The grading shall be done at a normal speed. Frequently, military personnel at destination wish to compare their gradeline with the USDA grader performing the reinspection. However, in order to maintain maximum accuracy and efficiency, comparative gradings and discussions concerning these gradings are to be accomplished after completion of the inspection. The following guidelines apply to performance of DOD reinspections:

1. Sample Selection

- a. Select the number of containers required in section 56.4(b) of the Regulations Governing the Grading of Shell Eggs and United States Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs.
- b. Break out a few eggs to properly correlate the candled appearance with the broken appearance.

2. When verbally reporting results of the grading to DOD headquarters, provide:

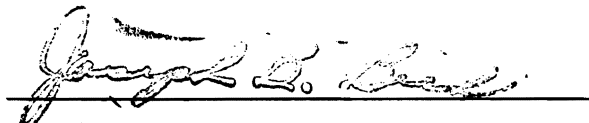
- a. Your name
- b. The contract number for the lot.
- c. The location where the DOD reinspection was made.
- d. The number of containers in the lot and the number of samples graded.



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- e. The lot averages for weight and grade factors including the number and description of each type of loss eggs reported.
- f. The grader should be prepared to provide an opinion as to the overall quality of the shell eggs if asked by the military.
3. The applicant shown on the grading certificate will depend on the final grading results. All costs associated with the DOD reinspection shall be borne by the contractor unless the results establish compliance with contract requirements, in which case, the costs will be assumed by the military.
4. Do not assign an official grade to the lot graded. In the space provided for "Official U.S. Grade," type the words "DOD Reinspection."
5. Under the "Remarks" section of the certificate, show the origin certificate number, date issued, plant number, military contract number, etc. Indicate whether the shell eggs graded were accepted or rejected by the military after the reinspection. If accepted, state on what basis.
6. Mail one copy of the reinspection certificate to the national office. Distribute the other copies of the certificate to the DOD headquarters, origin vendor, regional office as applicable, and to the Federal-State supervisor in the State where the shipment originated.

Product found on a reinspection to exceed the restricted egg tolerances of the Egg Products Inspection Act for checks, dirties, leakers, or loss shall be retained. Arrangements must be made through the applicable Federal-State office for return of the product to the origin plant or to another location for disposition. Followup must be initiated at the origin plant to determine a probable cause of the noncompliance.



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