

February 14, 2012

TO: Shell Egg Graders

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SUBJECT: Export Requirements for Shell Eggs Destined to Kosovo



This instruction outlines specific certification requirements for shell eggs as prescribed by the Food and Veterinary Agency (FVA), Government of Kosovo. These requirements were negotiated with FVA authorities following the implementation of initial regulations applicable to the import of shell eggs.

### **I. Export Verification and Processing Records**

FVA 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 expiration date must be no more than 28 days from the date of lay.
- 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. Documentation Requirements**

- Prior to processing, plant management is responsible for establishing detailed written procedures/records to provide for flock(s) identification and to maintain the identity of the shell eggs from the time of production through transport, storage, processing, and packaging.
- The producer/packer exporting table eggs to Kosovo must provide an affidavit(s) issued and signed by an accredited veterinarian demonstrating established routine inspections of each source flock processed for the consignment showing no communicable avian diseases.

**Please Note: The affidavit should not exceed 90 days prior to issuance of the Disease Free Statement.**

- Must obtain a Disease Free Statement – Other Countries.
- Must obtain a Shell Egg Grading Certificate, Form PY-210S.
- The flock(s) must be identified by the USDA as clean for the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and exotic Newcastle disease, as well as the state where the eggs are processed, for at least 6 months prior to shipment of a consignment.
- The layer flock(s) must be progeny of breeder flocks monitored under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) administered by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA, and certified as clean for *Salmonella pullorum*, *Salmonella gallinarum*, *Salmonella Enteritidis*, *Mycoplasma synoviae*, and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*.
- Plant management at the egg grading operation must provide the USDA grader a copy of the VS Form 9-3 issued by APHIS officials (or an APHIS authorized competent authority—normally a State veterinarian) for each layer flock and the above referenced affidavit covering routine physical examination of the flock(s) to verify compliance prior to issuance of the AMS Disease Free Statements-Other Countries containing the required animal health attestations for Kosovo.
- The producer/packer is responsible for assuring that eggs presented for USDA certification do not originate from contaminated or adulterated (chemical, physical, or biological agents) sources. This includes shell eggs that have tested positive for *Salmonella Enteritidis* (SE) or shell eggs from houses determined positive for the presence of SE, or any shell eggs that have been recalled or subject to a recall.
- Plant management is responsible for maintaining all applicable records for one year.

## **V. Transport Containers**

- Transport containers for the shipment of shell eggs to Kosovo must be of sound construction, clean, and free of odors. A plant issued Certificate of Conformance (CoC) must be provided to the USDA grader certifying that the transport container is clean and free of odors. The USDA grader is to attach the company CoC, applicable affidavits, and flock(s) identity records to the PY-210S, Shell Egg Grading Certificate.
- The transport container(s) must be sealed with a company seal prior to departure from the processing facility. The company seal number must be recorded on the PY-210S, Shell Egg Grading Certificate.
- All table eggs must be stored and transported at a maximum ambient temperature of 45° F (7.2° C) or less.

File these instructions with attached exhibits in E-24, Export in the Shell Egg Index (detailed filing instructions will follow in the next Shell Egg transmittal).



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**Disease Free Certification Statements for Other Countries**

Shell Egg Grading Certificate No. SEA - \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

“The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services certifies that:

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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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Signature of Grader



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

FORM OMB APPROVED - NO. 0561-0127

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- 0123456**  
 PLACE EXAMINED  
**Thompsonville, MI**  
 PLANT NUMBER  
**P-XXXX**

TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER 1/

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER 1/

Jonathan B. Mackey Farms, LLC  
 County Road 669  
 Thompsonville, MI 49683

Same as Applicant

Usha e Foods, LLC  
 Vellusha e poshtme 17  
 Pristina, Kosovo 10000

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											US Grade A Medium

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION							
	EGGS	TYPE OF PACKING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CASE QUALITY RANGE	CHARACTER OF LOSS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE	CASES STAMPED WITH	
1	Fresh	New 30-Dz.	New Filler Flats			Cooler 43 F	US Graded for Export	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All
	White	Fiber, Taped				Transport		<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All
						Seal # 3456		<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for:  
 E-24, Kosovo dated February 14, 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 03/24/2012
- Disease Free Certification Statements attached.

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: 03/24/2012.

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

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.

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 OMS information.

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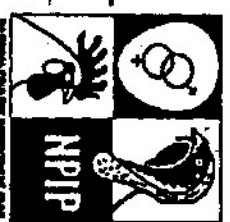
REPORT NO. **W200001**

1. DATE OF SHIPMENT

**REPORT OF SALES OF HATCHING EGGS, CHICKS, AND POUTLS**

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 (check as applicable)						9. CLASSIFICATION - U.S.								OTHER (Specify)				
		Chicken Eggs	Turkey Eggs	Chicks	Poult	Other	Single-sex	Females	Males	Commercial Production Stock		Multiple Breeding Stock		Primary Breeding Stock		Pulverin	Typoid Clean	M. Gallisepticum Clean	M. Synoviae Clean	M. Meleagridis Clean	S. Enteritidis Clean	Sanitation Monitored		Salmonella Monitored	S. Enteritidis Monitored	M.G. Monitored	M.S. Monitored

10. REMARKS (Services performed on products in shipment, e.g., vaccination, debanking, 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

VS FORM 9-5 (JUN 65) (Previous editions are obsolete.)

PART 1 - To Accompany Shipment