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TO: Shell Egg Graders

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SUBJECT: Export Requirements for Shell Eggs Destined to Macao

This instruction outlines specific certification requirements for shell eggs as prescribed by the Division of Food Inspection for Macao.

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

Macao 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 A 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 and carton (if applicable).
- 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.

Alternatively, the words “Keep Refrigerated” may appear on each shipping case, if the “Safe Handling” statement is listed on the shipping invoice.

#### **IV. Transport Containers**

Transport containers for the shipment of shell eggs to Macao must be of sound construction, clean, and free of odors. The USDA 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 USDA grader will notify a responsible plant official of the conditions. When this occurs, the USDA 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.

The USDA grader or company representative must seal the trailer/unit prior to departure from the egg processing facility. A company seal is to be placed on the trailer/unit. The company seal number must be referenced on the Shell Egg Grading Certificate, Form PY-210S, accompanying the export shipment.

#### **V. Certification**

Plant management must notify the USDA Grader of the pending processing of a shipment of shell eggs for export to Macao 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).

The processing/packaging code (s) for the lot must be referenced on the Form PY-210S under the “Lot No.” column (see Exhibit I).

The company seal number must be referenced on the Form PY-210S, Remarks Section.

#### **VI. Expiration Dating**

The following statement will be printed in the remarks section of the Shell Egg Grading Certificate when 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.

All cases of officially identified eggs labeled with an expiration date exceeding 30-days must be conspicuously labeled “For Export Only”. Use of the “Graded for Export” stamp fulfills this labeling requirement.

The USDA grader must verify all eggs identified with an expiration date exceeding 30-days were exported, through a review of export shipping invoices provided by plant management.

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 Macao (**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-19, 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- 098765432**  
PLACE EXAMINED  
**Farmington, CA**  
PLANT NUMBER  
**P-1478**

TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)      NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER 1/      NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER 1/  
**Bob's Egg Farm**  
**1519 West Main Street**  
**Farmington, CA 92419**  
**Rachel's Transportation Services**  
**P.O. Box 123**  
**Jefferson, AR 13287**  
**ABC Importers, Inc.**  
**N91 Norhan Lau**  
**Macao**

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*	Dirtyies	Checks	Loss	Under Wt. 3/		
360	750	All	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	US Grade A Large

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION								CASES STAMPED WITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All
	EGGS	TYPE OF PACKING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CASE QUALITY RANGE	CHARACTER OF LOSS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE				
360	White	New 30-Dozen Fiber Tops Taped	New Filler Flats	-----	-----	Cooler 43 F	USDA Graded for Export Certificate No. 098765432			

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION**  
Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for:  
E-19, Macao specifications, dated 11/27/2012.  
Check each applicable box:  
 Product represented on this certificate meets the requirements for the stated grade and size as determined by online sampling on 12-25-2012.  
 Disease Free Certification Statements attached.

**REMARKS**  
The poultry eggs included in this shipment are fit for human consumption.  
Date of Production: December 25, 2012.  
Type of Poultry: Chicken (Gallus Domesticus).  
Name of Processing Plant: Bob's Egg Farm  
Address of Processing Plant: 1519 West Main Street, Farmington, CA 92419.  
Processing Plant Establishment Number: P-1478.  
Company Seal Number: X-XXXX

**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 (Blue Ink)*      12/25/2012  
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OFFICIAL GRADER (Signature)      DATE

1/ As stated by applicant or contractor.      3/ Eggs reported as undersized are also reported under other headings according to their quality.  
2/ Weights based on 30-dozen equivalent.  
PY-210S (01-08) (Previous edition dated 12-03 may be used.)



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**Disease Free Certification Statements for Macao**

**Shell Egg Grading Certificate No. SEA -** 098765432 **Dated:** 12/25/2012

“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:

Country, State Identity
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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.”

Signature (Blue Ink)  
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Signature of Grader

