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Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program,  
Quality Assessment Division

TO: Shell Egg Graders

FROM: Roger L. Glasshoff  
National Supervisor, Shell Egg Staff

SUBJECT: Export Requirements for Shell Eggs Destined for Chad (Table Eggs)

This instruction outlines specific animal health verification, certification, labeling, and shipping requirements prescribed for shell eggs to be exported to Chad as table eggs.

**I. Product Requirements**

- All shell eggs must originate from the United States.
- Hatching eggs, chicks, and poults must originate from flocks participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) administered by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). See Exhibit I.
- Flocks must be under a continuous AI testing program monitored by APHIS, USDA, with negative results. Refer to Items III & IV of this instruction.

**II. Grade Requirements**

- Eggs must be graded and certified as U.S. Grade A or better as outlined in the United States Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs. Grade certification may be determined by online or stationary lot grading procedures.
- Product must be processed and packed under USDA supervision in shell egg facilities utilizing either USDA's continuous voluntary resident or temporary grading service.

**III. Verification of NPIP Commercial Egg Producers**

To be eligible for export to Chad, shell eggs must originate from a flock(s) that participates in the voluntary NPIP, Avian Influenza Testing Program administered by APHIS.

Questions pertaining to the AI testing protocol are to be directed to the APHIS, Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC), for the State(s) in which the flock(s) is located. Producers participating in the NPIP, Avian Influenza Testing Program that are not on the list of production sites maintained by the NPIP must request their respective company veterinarian with oversight of the testing program to contact:

#### **IV. Verification of Flock Testing Procedures**

- The number of samples and frequency for testing a flock(s) at a production site will be prescribed by the APHIS, Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC). Producers must provide AI test results to the AVIC. Plant management is responsible for maintaining records of the flock(s) tested, the number of sample tests per flock, the frequency of testing, and the results. These records are subject to review upon request by a USDA representative. APHIS will post an updated list of approved production facilities at the following hyperlink:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_dis\\_spec/poultry/downloads/npip\\_shell-egg\\_exporters.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/poultry/downloads/npip_shell-egg_exporters.pdf)

USDA graders at facilities that do not have internet connections may call, at the plant's expense, their supervisor for confirmation that the facility has been approved.

- Plant management must establish a flock identification system and, when applicable, a detailed procedure to assure segregation of eggs during storage for the grader to use when verifying eligibility of shell eggs from approved flocks.
- Graders are required to document each approved flock on the Log of Approved Flocks Tested for Avian Influenza (see Exhibit II). If a previously approved layer flock is removed from the NPIP List of Commercial Layer Flocks, the grader will remove the applicable flock information from the log. The reference log is to be kept in "file folder 2" of the graders' official files. Graders are to contact their supervisor for questions concerning the eligibility of a flock. During routine plant visits, Federal-State Supervisors are to review the referenced log and company records to assure compliance with these guidelines.

#### **V. Packing, Packaging, and Stamping**

- All corrugated fiber and pulp filler flats used for packing and packaging material must be new, showing no evidence of previous use.
- All packaging and packing materials must be new with no evidence of previous use or damage.
- Each primary container (carton, sleeve, etc.) must be approved by the National Office prior to printing.
- Shipping containers must be identified with the official plant number, date of packaging, and the USDA Graded for Export stamp with applicable certificate number.
- Pallets must be new or good used (clean and free of adhering foreign material).

#### **VI. Shipping Case Label**

Printed and computer generated USDA Graded for Export stamps located on the shipping case label must be approved by the National Office prior to printing.

## **VII. Transport Containers**

- Transport containers used to export table eggs to Chad must be determined acceptable and clean for the transport of human food prior to loading. Graders are to confirm the cleanliness of the transport container(s) and document the information on Form PY-75 or 211, as applicable.
- When unsanitary condition(s) are observed in transport container, the grader will notify a responsible plant official of the condition(s). Product is not to be loaded onto the container until the unsanitary condition(s) has been corrected. When this occurs, the grader will document the condition(s) including the name of the processing facility official notified on the applicable worksheet.
- Transport containers must be sealed (company seal) prior to departure from the processing facility. The seal number(s) must appear on the Form PY-210S. If the transport unit has been determined acceptable, the eggs properly labeled, the seal numbers have been recorded on the certificate, and the certified product isolated for shipment, the grader is not required to be present when the loading of the transport unit occurs.
- All table eggs must be stored and transported at a maximum of 45°F (7.2°C) degrees ambient temperature.

## **VIII. Certification – See Exhibits III & IV**

- Upon confirmation of compliance with the AI monitoring program, Form PY-210S shall be completed describing the certified shell eggs for export to Chad.
- All certificates (Form PY-210S) and Disease Free Statements must be typed and signed in blue ink.
- The following statement will be printed in the remarks section of Form PY-210S if the expiration date exceeds 30 days from the date of pack:

*“The expiration date declared on the product is the responsibility of the applicant.”*

- Plant management must notify the USDA grader of pending export orders, each certification request, and provide the grader the following information:
  - Name of Producer
  - Size of lot to be certified
  - Flock identification and location information
  - If applicable, date product will arrive for processing
  - When product is to be graded and shipped
- The disease free information (See Exhibit V) must be presented with the Form PY-210S at the border entry point.
- The format of the export certificates (Form PY-210S, Disease Free Statements, and any amendment) cannot be changed. Applicants and brokers cannot request additional information to be included on the certificate.

**File these instructions as E-30, EXPORTS, in the Supervisors/Resident Graders Shell Egg Index.**





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

FORM OMB APPROVED - NO. 0581-0127

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- 123456**

PLACE EXAMINED  
 City, State

PLANT NUMBER  
 P-XXXX

TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP)  Facility Name Facility Address City, State, Zip Code	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER <sup>1/</sup>  Shipper or Seller Name Shipper or Seller Address City, State, Zip Code	NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER <sup>1/</sup>  Receiver or Buyer Name Receiver or Buyer Address City, State, Zip Code Country
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LOT NO.	NO. OF CONTAINERS PER LOT <sup>1/</sup>	NO. OF CONTAINERS EXAMINED	NET WT. <sup>2/</sup>	PERCENTAGES								U.S. OFFICIAL GRADE AND SIZE	
				AA	A	B	B*	Dirtyes	Checks	Loss	Under Wt. <sup>3/</sup>		
1	See	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	U.S. Grade A Large
	Remarks												

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION							CASES STAMPED WITH	
	EGGS	TYPE OF PACKING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CASE QUALITY RANGE	CHARACTER OF LOSS	WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE			
1	White	New	New Filler Flats	---	---	Cooler 42F	USDA Graded for Export	<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All	
		30-Dozen Case					Certificate #123456	<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All	
								<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All	
								<input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All	

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for: E-30, Chad Shell Egg Certification  Requirements (Table Eggs), dated 12/23/2013.	Check each applicable box: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product represented on this certificate meets the requirements for the stated grade and size as determined by online sampling on <u>MM-DD-YYYY</u> .  <input type="checkbox"/> Disease Free Certification Statements attached.
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REMARKS  
 Seal Number: XXX-XXXX

Total cases: 750/30-dozen cases.

The expiration date declared on the product is the responsibility of the applicant. (If applicable)

(USDA Stamp Impression)

**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.

Grader Signature in Blue Ink

MM/DD/YYYY - Blue Ink

OFFICIAL GRADER (Signature)

DATE

<sup>1/</sup> As stated by applicant or contractor.

<sup>3/</sup> Eggs reported as undersized are also reported under other headings according to their quality.

<sup>2/</sup> Weights based on 30-dozen equivalent.

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1	See	18	46.65	---	93.35	2.35	---	.10	3.80	.40	---	U.S. Grade A Large
	Remarks											

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION							CASES STAMPED WITH	
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REMARKS  
 Total cases = 750/30-dozen cases.

Product represented on this certificate meets the requirements for the stated grade and size as determined by full-size sampling on: MM-DD-YYYY.

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(USDA Stamp Impression)

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**Disease Free Certification Statements for Chad**

Shell Egg Grading Certificate No. SEA - 123456 Dated: MM/DD/YYYY

“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 state of (state name) identified below:

Colorado

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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.”

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Printed Name of USDA Grader

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Signature of USDA Grader

