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# **Federal Purchase Program Specification Procedures for Certification of Shell Eggs**

#### I. Responsibility

USDA, AMS graders (grader) will read the Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Shell Eggs and this procedure carefully and note the items that must be observed and documented during processing, sampling, packaging, packing, labeling, check-loading, and shipping for certification purposes.

Additionally, the grader must note the pre-certification requirements for the producer and for product eligibility under this FPPS.

Only the USDA, AMS Contracting Officer has the authority to issue a waiver to the requirements of the FPPS for Shell Eggs. Graders will not proceed with certification until their supervisor has reviewed the FPPS requirements and this procedure with them.

The following materials are referenced throughout the FPPS and will be used during the certification process:

- AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements
- Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs: 7 CFR 56
- Regulations Governing the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers: 7 CFR 42
- AMS Publication, "Visual Aids for Inspection of Rigid and Semi-rigid Containers"

#### **II.** General Requirements

#### A. Pre-Certification

A copy of the Purchase Order (**Exhibit I**) will be sent to each grader stationed at a plant that successfully bids and is awarded a contract under the current Announcement. Upon receipt of the Purchase Order, the grader will contact management and review the FPPS requirements. The proposed production, labeling, packaging, packing materials and check-loading procedures will be reviewed to determine compliance with the FPPS requirements.

#### B. Food Defense Plan

Each contractor and subcontractor must have a currently approved food defense plan audit on file. Verification of the food defense audit requirement can be accomplished by maintaining a copy of the currently approved audit cover page only (QAD 1032A) for each source flock facility (**Exhibit II**).

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## THE CONTRACTOR'S FOOD DEFENSE PLAN IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND WILL NOT BE COPIED OR KEPT ON FILE BY THE GRADER.

#### C. Domestic Origin

All commodity specifications require donated commodities be of domestic origin. The contractor must supply the grader with a *Domestic Origin Certificate* (Exhibit III) for each contract. Verification of segregation plans will only be necessary after QAD personnel are notified by the national office of non-domestic eggs at their facilities.

Graders will maintain the *Domestic Origin Certificate* and either the LP-210S: *Shell Egg Grading Certificate* or *Certificate* of *Conformance* (COC) signed by a company representative with the documents covering the applicable contract. Additionally, the grader will maintain a source flock log, (**Exhibit IX**) recording the source flock identity(s) for each load of commodity product fulfilled.

#### D. Shell Egg Requirements

Shell eggs will be fresh, U.S. Grade AA or A, Large or Medium, as determined by QAD sampling procedures outlined in the QAD 700 series *Shell Egg Graders Procedures*. Shell eggs may be white or brown and may or may not be shell protected. Purchase units consist of only one size or color of eggs in one type of packaging and packing material, with only one label format. In addition, eggs intended for the FPPS may be processed (graded and packaged) no more than ten days, including day of pack, prior to the date of shipment. Product processed and stored in excess of ten days is ineligible for certification under the FPPS.

#### 1. Product Designated Prior to Processing

Product may be designated for fulfillment of a commodity contract prior to processing and online grading. *Prior to processing*, plant management must notify the grader of the grade, class/size, carton identity (including USDA approval number) being packaged for the FPPS, and the traceability code (if applicable, see <u>Section E. 2.</u>), as well as how many cases will be run during the production shift.

#### 2. Product Designated After Processing

Alternately, product which was previously graded online but not identified for use in fulfilling the contract (i.e., graded product from the cooler) may be presented for inspection for contract compliance on a stationary lot basis. The grader must verify that the lot meets all requirements of the FPPS, including time restrictions, domestic origin requirements, and packaging and packing requirements, including traceability code requirements (if applicable).

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#### 3. Product from Outside Sources

"Nest-Run" product from another company-owned facility or another processor (sub-contractor) may be received in order to fulfill a commodity load, provided certain conditions are met. If the source is from other than a company-owned facility, the supplier must be registered with the Contracting Officer as a subcontractor. The supplying facility must have completed a Food Defense Plan Audit (by USDA) prior to production of the product. A copy of the currently approved audit cover page only (QAD 1032A) covering the supplying facility, must be provided to the grader and maintained in the relief grader's file (file 2F). In addition, as previously noted in section II.C.

Domestic Origin of this procedure, the product must be accompanied by a COC signed by a company representative, certifying domestic origin. Management is responsible for maintaining a system of identifying the source flock for all products supplied.

Washed-ungraded and/or previously graded and packaged shell eggs may be received in order to fulfill a commodity load, provided the product meets all requirements of the FPPS. The product must be accompanied by a LP-210S issued by the origin USDA grader. A copy of the currently approved audit cover page only (QAD-1032A) form covering the origin facility must be provided to the grader and maintained on file at the shipping location. The origin LP-210S certificate must state the grade, size, date of processing, traceability codes (if applicable) and number of cases in the lot, as well as a statement of *Domestic Origin Certificate* (alternately a COC for domestic origin may be provided along with the LP-210S).

Multiple sub-lots may be combined for one shipment. However, the grader must verify that all product is packaged uniformly and meets all requirements of the FPPS. For traceability purposes, all certificates and/or COCs covering product from outside sources will be compiled and maintained on file along with the shipping certificate.

#### E. Labeling Requirements

#### 1. Commercial Labeling Requirements

All labeling materials on the packaging and packing of the commodity must be the processor's own commercial labels and not that of a distributor. Cartons bearing the terminology "Distributed By", "Packed For", or other wording to the same effect, and/or stating a name and address of a company other than that awarded the contract, are not acceptable for use in this commodity FPPS.

All product within a purchase unit must be packaged in the same packaging and packing materials, with one label format. Only labels approved by the Shell Egg National Office according to the procedures and requirements detailed in <u>L-1</u>, <u>Labeling</u> in QAD 700 Series, and bearing official identification (U.S. Grademark) may be used. Each shipping container will be labeled according to the requirements outlined in the FPPS.



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#### 2. Traceability of Product

The manufacturer must establish a product identification and record system that clearly links product by place and date/time of processing to specific USDA contracts and destinations.

When the company uses the same commercial label for certified FPPS commodity product and commercial product, the identification system must differentiate between commodity and commercial product. An authorized alpha-numeric code may be used to distinguish the commodity product in this case. The processor must maintain records to demonstrate the ability to trace the eggs to the production source (flock). These records will be routinely reviewed by the grader during production of the commodity.

The required product identification and record system, including codes, must be reviewed by the supervisor or the assistant supervisor before production begins for the contract(s). A detailed explanation of the identification and tracking system is to be provided by the plant and maintained in the USDA relief grader's file (file 2F). Any changes to the product identification and record system must be submitted to the grader and supervisor for review prior to implementation. Label information, including traceability codes, will be recorded on the LP- 211 Grading Memorandum (Exhibit IV) prepared for each load shipped.

#### F. Verification of Packaging and Packing Material

As indicated in the FPPS, the contractor must provide the grader with a letter certifying that all packaging (cartons), packing (cases), and marking materials comply with the requirements of the FPPS. This certification letter must be presented on company letterhead and be signed by a person authorized by the contractor. One certification is adequate for all production under the FPPS. The letter will be placed in the USDA relief grader's file (file 2F).

#### **G.** Shipping Examinations

Each lot is to undergo a packing material inspection to identify obviously damaged containers using one of the two verification methods below. When damaged containers are encountered, the lot is to be retained until the containers have been removed and replaced.

#### 1. On-Line Verification

The packing (case) examinations may be performed online. Eggs which are to be officially identified with the consumer grade mark will be packaged only in new or good used cases and packaging materials. The classification criteria and resources currently used for assessing defects during check-loading examination will also be used for the optional procedures.

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Record any packaging/packing defects on the LP-75.

Plant management is responsible for notifying the USDA grader that the firm is requesting to utilize online examination for condition of the shipping container (packing). Plant management must present documented procedures detailing the process employed to assure the removal of any defective or damaged cases from the identified lot during production. The written plan must address the following items:

- Method(s) of identifying the production lot or purchase unit as detailed in the plan to maintain the identity of the commodity shell eggs from the time of processing until the time of shipment. The palletized product determined acceptable for certification will be subject to a cursory visual examination by the USDA grader at the time of loading the transport trailer/unit.
- Procedures implemented to assure company online inspection of all shipping containers for both major and critical categories of defects (as identified in <u>7 CFR part 42</u> Standards for Condition of Food Containers Subpart B) at the time of packing, the removal of defective units, and obliteration of any specific markings on defective units designating the product as acceptable for commodity certification.

#### **Guidance for Conducting On-Line Examination of Container Condition**

TYPE OF DEFECT		TYPE OF DEFECT	
Type or size of container or component part not as specified.	CRITICAL	WET OR DAMP (a) Materially affecting appearance	MINOR
Chemical contamination.	CRITICAL	but not usability.	
CLOSURE NOT SEALED OR FITTED PROPERLY (Other than primary container).	MINOR	WET OR DAMP (b) Materially affecting usability.	MAJOR
Dirty, stained, or smeared container.	MINOR	SEALING TAPE, STRAPPING	MAJOR
CRUSHED OR TORN AREA  (a) Materially affecting appearance but not usability.	MINOR	(a) Missing.	
(b) Materially affecting usability.	MAJOR	(b) Strapping Loose.	MINOR
	LABEL, MARKING	G, OR CODE	
Missing (when required).	MAJOR	Text illegible or incomplete.	MINOR
Torn or scratched, obliterating any marking on the label (military purchase).	MAJOR		MINOR
Loose or improperly applied.	MINOR	Incorrect.	MINOR
Torn or mutilated.	MINOR	In wrong location.	MINOR

Examine 5 shipping containers at the same frequency required for online sampling for assessment of quality (at a minimum, 1 in 100 30-dozen cases). Each shipping container will be examined in accordance with the defect classifications above. The finding of a critical or major defect would warrant a retention and re-examination of product cases back to the previous USDA online sample.



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One minor defect is acceptable, two minor defects would result in a retention and re-examination of cases back to the last passing sample.

Using the Egg Stamp Legibility row on the LP-75 record defects using the following: For critical defects, enter the letter "C"; for major defects, enter the letter "M"; and for minor defects, enter a tick mark once for each defect unit observed (**Exhibit XI**).

When a rejection occurs, the product must be reworked prior to re-sampling. Record multiple defects on a container as one defective unit regardless of the total number observed. The most serious defect observed will be recorded. When reworked product is presented for re- examination, 5 containers will be selected and examined according to the same acceptance criteria used online. Identify these containers separately as "Reworked" under "Sample" identification in the left-hand column of the worksheet.

#### 2. Lot Examination Verification

If the packing examinations are not conducted during on-line sampling, the official check-loading procedures will take place at time of shipment. The product will be examined for shipping container (packing) defects and the results recorded on QAD 617A (previously PY-110) (Reverse) (Exhibit V). Samples must be representative from the lot(s) composing the shipment and will be randomly predetermined identifying the pallet, layer, and container position from which they are selected. Refer to the Shell Egg Graders Procedures, QAD 707: Stationary Lot Grading Procedures for random sample selection. Use the appropriate "Sample Selection Worksheet" reflecting the number of 15-dozen cases placed on each pallet and maintain this worksheet with the certificate and other materials covering the load. Note that for shipping examination on 1,500 15-dozen cases for this FPPS, the initial sample size is 18 containers.

The supervisor may provide additional guidance for the interpretation and application of the standards listed on the LP-110 (Reverse) by referencing the <u>AMS publication</u>, "Visual Aids for <u>Inspection of Rigid and Semi-rigid Containers</u>."

When selecting layers and container positions on the pallet, common handling practices should be considered. Each sample case selected for examination of packing defects is marked with the LP-12 USDA sample label.

a. Sample Size - Sample size for shipping container defects will be in accordance with 7 CFR part 42- Standards for Condition of Food Containers- Subpart B. For a lot of 1,500 shipping containers, 18 sample cases are required for the initial packing inspection. If the lot is neither rejected nor accepted based on the initial sample, 18 additional cases are required for the secondary packing inspection (EXHIBIT VI 7 CFR 42.111: Table IIIA, Code CAA). For some 1,500 case purchase units the same sales order number may have two item numbers with different destinations. In this case, each shipment will require a separate examination for packing defects, consisting of 18 samples for the initial inspection, and 18 samples for a

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secondary inspection, if necessary. (Code CAA applies to a range of 0-6,000 containers; therefore, a lot of less than 1,500 cases also requires an 18-case sample.)

- b. Classifying and Recording Defects Each sample container will be examined carefully under adequate natural and/or artificial lighting to ensure that all defects are noted. The grader may refuse inspection for condition of containers until such lighting is available to thoroughly examine the lot(s) presented.
  - Record the number and type of packing defects on the worksheet using the appropriate columns to identify each category of defect (in this case, major or minor). In the case of multiple defects on one sample case, only the most severe defect should be recorded on the worksheet.
  - If a second sample is required to classify the lot, record each set of samples so they can be separately identified on the worksheet (under columns "1st Sample" and "2nd Sample"). Total the number of defects in each of the categories in the space provided.
- c. Lot Acceptance Criteria The acceptability of stationary lots is determined by referring to the appropriate table of sampling plans used (Table III-A, code CAA). For a given sample size, acceptance and rejection numbers are provided for Critical, Major, and Total defects. Note that for packing examination, no Critical defects are listed on the LP-110 (Reverse). Therefore, total defects include major and minor defects only.

#### For the first sample:

- 1. If the sum of the critical, major, or total defects does not exceed the figure in the "Ac" column, the lot is considered acceptable.
- 2. If the sum of the critical, major, or total defects equals or exceeds the figure in the "Re" column, the lot fails.
- 3. If the sum of the critical, major, or total defects exceeds "Ac", but is less than "Re", a second sample must be evaluated; the sum of each class of defects in the combined sample (first and second samples) is compared with the acceptance and rejection numbers for "total sample", and a decision is made to either accept or fail the lot.

#### H. Official Identification of Cases

Prior to shipment, each case of product eligible for delivery must be officially identified with the USDA Inspected for Contract Compliance Stamp bearing the applicable certificate number. Application of the stamp may be performed at time of examination for packing defects.

As an alternative to stamping the cases at time of examination for packing defects (at time of shipment), and only *after a thorough review of the plant management's protocol and controls by the Supervisor and concurrence by the Regional Director*, the cases may be stamped during online processing. All

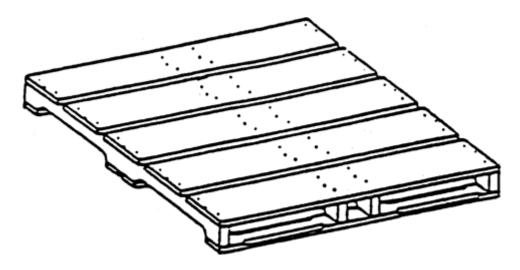
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precautions must be taken to control the use of the Contract Compliance Stamp and avoid the application of the stamp on product which is not destined for fulfillment of the commodity contract.

Further, any product rejected for not meeting FPPS requirements either online or during the shipping examination must have the official identification removed/obliterated from the shipping container.

#### I. Unitization - Product Palletization

Each delivery unit of commodity product must be unitized (palletized and stretch wrapped). At time of shipment, graders will examine each pallet to assure that containers are held firmly in place, with minimal container overhang, and the approximate dimensions and design requirements for the pallet are met. If the containers are not held firmly in place, the load will be rewrapped and resubmitted for acceptance. The following pallet diagram illustrates the approximate design requirements of a partial four-way, nonreversible, flush stringer pallet:



ENTRY POSSIBLE FROM ALL SIDES

#### J. Loading

Inspect each truck for cleanliness and freedom from damage. Do not permit product to be loaded into a trailer that is damaged (affecting usability), dirty, has foreign odors, or exhibits signs of rodent or insect infestation. All shipments must be loaded on trailers that are equipped with working refrigeration units. Assure that the refrigeration unit, set at 45°F or lower, and is producing cool air before and after loading (include a statement on the LP-211). The grader will personally prepare the load and tally diagram on form LP-211 *Reverse*, listing the total number of individual shipping containers, number of pallets of product, and number of containers on each pallet. (**Exhibit IV** shows the load diagram continued from the reverse to the "Remarks" on the front of the LP-211 to accommodate 25 pallets, each with 60 - 15-dozen cases.)

There is no variation allowed in the boxes of finished product per purchase unit. If a processor desires an exception to this requirement, they must request a contract waiver from the USDA Contracting Officer.

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This waiver must be presented to the grader prior to issuance of the grading certificate covering shipment of the product.

During the actual loading of product into a truck, the grader must be present to assure that the container count is correct. When it is necessary to take a lunch break or during any absence by the grader, including making checks of grading operations, the doors of the truck or railcar must be closed and sealed, or locked with a government padlock. If the seal or lock has been removed during the grader's absence, the product must be unloaded and recounted. If loading and grading cannot be accomplished at the same time, the supervisor responsible for staffing in the sub-management area will arrange any additional coverage of certification activities.

During shipping examinations, graders will record the production dates and number of cases per date on the LP-211 for all product in each delivery unit. After loading, the delivery unit must be sealed, and the seal number(s) recorded on the certificate.

#### K. Seals

All delivery units must be secured with serial numbered, tamper evident, barrier-type seals. The contractor is responsible for providing all seals and recording on each shipping document (bill of lading, shipment manifest, or other delivery document) the applicable seal number to be applied at each delivery destination. In the case of a multiple delivery shipment, the contractor is responsible for assuring seals are in place at time of delivery.

#### L. Certificate Preparation

The initial seal number(s) used to seal the trailer at origin will be recorded on the LP-210S: *Shell Egg Grading Certificate* (**Exhibit VII**) in the "Remarks" section. The "Additional Certification" section will read:

Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for: "Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Shell Eggs, dated April 2017."

Additionally, the following statement will appear in the "Remarks" section:

"The number of containers shown above was counted by the official grader."

Attach all supporting documents (LP-75's, COC's, LP-211's, loading diagrams, worksheets, etc.) for the delivery unit to the LP-210S. It is the supervisor's responsibility to assure that all documents are retained for the specified period. Other procedures or systems for filing documents may be used upon review and approval by the supervisor.

#### M. Late Deliveries

When a plant fails to meet delivery schedules as listed on the Sales Order/Item Number, the grader is to notify their supervisor by phone/email using the *Report of Late Delivery* form (**Exhibit VIII**).

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The supervisor will contact the Regional Office who will subsequently provide the information to the National Office, Shell Egg Section. The information provided should include type of product, name of processor, purchase order, sales order, item number, delivery period, projected dates of delivery, and reason for delay. When production of the late load is completed and shipped, the grader is to notify the supervisor and the Regional Office that the product has, in fact, been produced and shipped. The form used for late delivery notification may again be used to inform the Regional Office that the product has subsequently been produced and shipped. Dates of production and shipment of the late load are to be recorded on the form.

#### N. Split Delivery Shipments

For some purchase units, the same Sales Order number may have two item numbers, each with a specified quantity of cases to be delivered to each destination. (**Exhibit X**) At time of shipment, contractors must provide the graders the number of boxes for each destination. Distinct separation of product on the load by drop point is not required. Correct box count at each drop point will be the responsibility of the vendor and the recipient agency.

Graders will show the total number of boxes to be delivered to each drop point in the remarks section of the certificate. *The grader will send two copies of the grading certificate with the load*.

As an option, contractors may elect to ship split deliveries on two separate trucks, provided both shipments represent the cumulative quantity stated on the Sales Order/Item Number. *If this option is used, separate certificates, with applicable shipping examination documents as outlined in Section G above, will be issued for each delivery.* 

#### **Exhibits**:

Exhibit I: Purchase Order

Exhibit II: Food Defense Plan Certification Form

**Exhibit III: Domestic Origin Certification** 

Exhibit IV: LP-211 and LP-211 (Reverse) Grading Memorandum

Exhibit V: QAD 617A Packaging and Packing Defects Worksheet

Exhibit VI: 7 CFR 42.111, (Table IIIA, Code CAA)

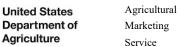
Exhibit VII: LP-210S: Shell Egg Grading Certificate

Exhibit VIII: Report of Late Delivery

Exhibit IX: Log of Approved Flocks

Exhibit X: LP-210S for Split Load Delivery

Exhibit XI: LP-75



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#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

Standards for the Condition of Food Containers: 7 CFR part 42

AMS Handbook for the Inspection of the Condition of Food Containers

AMS Visual Aid -2: Visual Aids for Inspection of Rigid and Semi-Rigid Containers (May 1994)

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SONSTEGARD FOODS COMPANY

SIOUX FALLS, SD-57108-2228(US)

Email: slarson@sonstegard.com

Purchase order

Description: 12-3J14-18-P-0336 Purchase order number: 4100014080

Date: 11/17/2017

Contracting Officer: Jeffrey Jackson Purchasing Group: AMS Poultry

**Purchase Order Domestic Commodity** 

5005 S BUR OAK PL

Phone: 605-338-4642

Supplier:

**Supplier Plant Address:** 

**Vendor Shipping Point Address** SONSTEGARD/SUNRISE FARM-HARRIS

SONSTEGARD/SUNRISE FARM-HARRIS IA

2060 WHITE AVE 2060 WHITE AVE

HARRIS, IA -51345-7549(US) HARRIS,IA-51345-7549(US) Phone: 000-000-0000 Phone: 000-000-0000 Email: ASK@FOR.EMAIL Email: ASK@FOR.EMAIL

**Purchase Order Header** 

PO Scenario: Standard

Award Type: Definite Delivery Solicitation Number: 2000005053

Solicitation Description:12-3J14-18-S-0048

Purc	hase Order Item Details				
Item	Description	Required By	Units	Quantity/UOM Weight	Unit price/ Net value
1	100936-EGGS 15 DOZEN	01/16/2018-01/31/2018	1,500.000 CS	33,750.000 LB 36,011.250 LB	1,658.00 USD/100 CS 24,870.00 USD
ZFD ·	FOB Destination Solicitation Item	: 150 Sales order: <mark>5000</mark>	405754 Item : 100	)	
Good	ls Recipient:	Ship-to Address:			
LA De	pt. of Agriculture and Forestry	SECOND HARVEST FOO	D BANK		
5825 F	lorida Blvd Suite 4002	700 EDWARDS AVENUE			
BATO	N ROUGE,LA-70806(US)	NEW ORLEANS,LA-7012	:3-3167(US)		
		Phone: 504-729-2848			
2	100936-EGGS 15 DOZEN	02/16/2018-02/28/2018	1,500.000 CS	33,750.000 LB	1,658.00 USD/100 CS
				36,011.250 LB	24,870.00 USD
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Good	ls Recipient:	Ship-to Address:			

Goods Recipient:

LA Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

5825 Florida Blvd Suite 4002 **700 EDWARDS AVENUE** 

**BATON ROUGE, LA-70806(US) NEW ORLEANS, LA-70123-3167(US)** 

Phone: 504-729-2848

100936-EGGS 15 DOZEN 03/16/2018-03/31/2018 375.000 CS 1,658.00 USD/100 CS 8,437.500 LB 9,002.813 LB 6,217.50 USD

Multistop: 0585912116 ZFD - FOB Destination Solicitation Item: 260 Sales order: 5000407064 Item: 100

**Goods Recipient: Ship-to Address:** 

MA Dept. of Education **WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS FOOD** 

75 Pleasant Street

MALDEN, MA-02148-5089(US) 97 NORTH HATFIELD ROAD HATFIELD,MA-01038(US)

Phone: 413-247-9738

100936-EGGS 15 DOZEN 03/16/2018-03/31/2018 375.000 CS 8.437.500 LB 1.658.00 USD/100 CS

9,002.813 LB

6,217.50 USD

Multistop: 0585912116 ZFD - FOB Destination Solicitation Item: 270 Sales order: 5000407064 Item: 200



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FOOD DEFENSE VERIFICATION PROGRAM MEAT, POULTRY, EGG AND FISH PRODUCTS PROCESSING	G PLANT CHECKLIST
Name of Applicant: Shelly's Egg Farm	Date of Audit: 03/20/2024
Plant Number: P-0000	List below all off-premise freezers used by the facility.
Address of Facility: 2345 Farm Road Somewhere, USA	· Name(s):
Facility Phone Number: 800-867-5309	Facility Contact Person: Shelly Doe Name:
Auditor's Name: Shelly Doe	Title: Complex Manager Email: ShellyD@lolol.mail
AUDIT ST.	ATUS
Audit Type: Original On-site Audit (or) Corrective Ac	tions Audit 1/
If Corrective Action Audit, then check applicable below:	
First Corrective Action Audit 2/ (or) Second Corr	rective Action Audit 3/
• Desk On-site	
Date Auditor Received Corrective Actions:	
APPROVED (or) PENDING CORRECT	IVE ACTION RESPONSE
1/ Auditor will receive written corrective action responses (CARs) from the facility audit. Auditor will close out all CAR's within 14 calendar days from the day the CA2/ If CARs from the facility representative are not acceptable during the first correct a written CAR that effectively closes out the remaining non-conformances.  3/ USDA, AMS Commodity Procurement Staff will be notified if CARs remain open	AR's were submitted by the facility representative. ive action audit, the applicant will have 7 additional calendar days to provide

Clear Form

#### **DOMESTIC ORIGIN CERTIFICATION**

#### For Shell Eggs

This form must be completed by an authorized company official or their designee for each contract/purchase order delivery awarded. The completed form must be presented to an AMS representative at the processing facility, and the Contracting Officer or agent thereof upon request. *If imported product is brought into the facility during the production and shipment of product for this contract, it is the contractor's responsibility to notify the applicable certification Division*. Each processing plant producing product under this contract must have a copy of this form on file.

Solicitation Number:
Contract/Purchase Order Number:
Product:
Does your company process or handle products originating from sources other than the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands?
YES If yes, a copy of your segregation plan must be on file.
□ NO
Do any of your Subcontractor/Suppliers process or handle products originating from sources other than the Unites States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands?
YES If yes, a copy of their segregation plan must be on file.
□ NO
I certify under penalty of law that all products sold to the Department of Agriculture are of 100 percent domestic origin and that all above statements are true. I further certify that traceability documentation will be made available to USDA, AMS representatives upon request. WARNING: 18 U.S.C. Part 1, Chapter 47, Section 1001 states that "Except as otherwise provided in this section, whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willingly (1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or devise a material fact: (2) makes any materially false writing or document knowing the same to contain materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.
Signature:
Title:
Company:
Date:

### **Exhibit IV**

06/08/2018

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

LIVESTOCK AND POLITRY PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE NO.

SEA- 1010010

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LOT NO.	TY	PE AND CO	NDITION OF	CONTAINE	RS	WAREHO	USE NO./C	CAR NO.	WHERE	HELD AND T	TEMPERA	TURE			CONT	AINERS WERE	STAMPED WITH
						□ Sample □ All											
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								SHELL	EGGS								
	TOTAL	CASES	NET WT.					PERCENT	AGES					TYPE	E		
LOT NO.	CASES	EXAMINED	2/	AA	А	В	B*	Dirties	Checks	Loss	Small End up 3/	Und Wt.		GRADII	NG	OFFICIAL GR	ADE AND SIZE
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156	755													0	U	S GRAD	E A LARGE
*157A	545													0	U	S GRAD	E A LARGE
LOT NO.								D	ESCRIPT	ION							
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WHERE HEL	D AND TE	MPERATURE			C/	SES WERE	STAMPED	WITH									

1/ As stated by applicant or GRADER contractor. AMOUNT F/S UNITS RATE CODE DOLLARS CENTS 2/ Weights based on 30-dozen equivalent. 4 P 0 4 P 0 3/ Eggs reported as undersized and small end up are also reported under other headings according to their quality. 4 P 0 4 P 0 CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE 4/ Percent reported as shortage was replaced to determine grade. EXPENSE \* YES NO TYPE: G/FG-OI EXPENSE OFFICIAL GRADER (Signature) DATE

John Hancock

USDA Contract Compliance Certificate No. 1010010

TOTAL This program or activity will be conducted on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or disability

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REMARKS

### **Exhibit IV**

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5	20	3	9	20				] [	2				7.72	8.7	2	
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7	2	4	8	22				1			-		11.72	12.	72	
8	2	5	3	23				41	4				13.72	14.	72	
9	13	1	7	24				41	5					_		
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PACKAGIN	NG DEF	ECTS WO	ORKSHEET	LOT	SIZE	SALES ORDER/ITE	M N	UMBER	PURCHASE ORDER				
				1,5	00- 15 Do	oz. Cases	098765432	1	I 100	12345678	890		
NAME AND AD	DRESS O	APPLICANT		LIST	OF PRODUC	TION CODES C	ONTAINED IN		NAME AND ADD	RESS WHERE EXAMIN	ED		
ABC Ran	ıch			DEL	IVERY UNIT	155A - 20	00/15 doz.						
987 Route						156 -755/	15 doz.		Sam	e as Applicant			
Little Cre	ek, AR	72419				156A - 54	15/15 doz.						
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				λc		Re	Ac		Re	Ac		Re	
FIRST SAMPLE		18		0		2	0		2	1		4	
SECOND SAME	PLE	18			_								
TOTAL SAMPL	E	36		1		2	1		2	5		6	
						DEFECTS	CLASIFICATION	ON					
CRITICAL I	DEFECT	s		-		-	ict has exuded the	_	_	or hole prior to pro	oduct being fro	en or	
MAJOR DI	EFECTS		dimension. I	mproper ffect co	r closure exp ntainer usal	posing produ pility due to	uct that permits p	orod	uct dehydration.	greater than 2 inc Dirty, stained or being transferred	smeared areas	that affect or	
MINOR DI	EFECTS		stained, or sr product whe ice.	neared a	areas that m	naterially affor	ect the appearander. More than o	ce o	f the container b ional small areas	2 inches in their gout are not likely to s showing a thin la	transfer to the	packaged inkish colored	
INSIGNIFION DEFECTS	CANT			tains or	smears that					ears less than 1/2 in number to detract			
				נווב נט	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	1				1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	
NO.		TYPE O	F DEFECT		SAMPLE	SAMPLE	NO.		TYPE OF	DEFECT	SAMPLE	SAMPLE	
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	cuts, or tears.  Cuts and tears exceeding 4 inches CRITICAL MAJOR								MAJOR				
2		th, holes e	xceeding 2 incl				6 Dirty, stained, or smeared areas affecting product.						
3		nd tears 2 t	es in diameter, to 4 inches in	M	IAJOR		7		rty, stained, or s fecting product.	meared areas not	MINOR		
4		nd tears 1/	ch in diameter, '2 to 2 inches i		IINOR		8	Ex	cess moisture (id	ce)	MINOR		
REMARKS				•									

	MINOR	MAJOR	CRITICAL	TOTAL	ACTION TAKEN BASED ON FIRST SAMPLE SECOND
FIRST SAMPLE					☐ LOT ACCEPTED ☐ LOT REJECTED ☐ SAMPLE
					NEEDED
SECOND SAMPLE					ACTION TAKEN BASED ON SECOND SAMPLE (if required)
SECOND SAIVII EE					
GRAND TOTAL					☐ LOT ACCEPTED ☐ LOT REJECTED
GRAND TOTAL					

#### **PACKING DEFECTS WORKSHEET**

		CRITIC	CAL	М	AJOR	TOTAL (Minor, Critical, and Major defects)				
CODE CAA	NUMBER OF SAMPLE	AQL: 0.25		AQ	L: 1.5	AQL: 6.5				
	UNITS	If other, specify		If other, specify		If other, specify				
		Ac Re		Ac	Re	Ac	Re			
FIRST SAMPLE	18	0	2	0	2	1	4			
SECOND SAMPLE	18									
TOTAL SAMPLE	36	1	2	1	2	5	6			

#### DEFECTS CLASSIFICATION

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TYPE OF DEFECT	1 <sup>ST</sup> SAMPLE	2 <sup>ND</sup> SAMPLE	TYPE OF DEFECT	1 <sup>ST</sup> SAMPLE	2 <sup>ND</sup> SAMPLE
Type or size of container or component part not as specified.	NONE PE	ERMITTED	WET OR DAMP  (a) Materially affecting appearance but not	MINOR //	
CLOSURE NOT SEALED OR FITTED PROPERLY (Other than primary container).	MINOR	/	usability.	MAJOR	
Dirty, stained, or smeared container.	MINOR		WET OR DAMP (b) Materially affecting usability.		
CRUSHED OR TORN AREA  (a) Materially affecting appearance but not usability.	MINOR		SEALING TAPE, STRAPPING	MAJOR	
(b) Materially affecting usability	MAJOR /		(a) Missing.	MINOR	
Chemical contamination.	CRITICAL		(b) Strapping Loose.		
·	LAE	BEL, MARK	ING, OR CODE	1	
Missing (when required).	MAJOR		Text illegible or incomplete.	MINOR	
Torn or scratched, obliterating any marking on the label (military purchase).	MAJOR			MINOR	
Loose or improperly applied.	MINOR		Incorrect.	MINOR	
Torn or mutilated.	MINOR	/	In wrong location.	IVIIIVOR	

#### REMARKS

MINOR MAJOR CRITICAL TOTAL ACTION TAKEN BASED ON FIRST SAMPLE SECOND FIRST SAMPLE ☐ LOT ACCEPTED ☐ LOT REJECTED X SAMPLE 0 1 2 3 NEEDED ACTION TAKEN BASED ON SECOND SAMPLE (if required) SECOND SAMPLE 2 0 0 2 X LOT ACCEPTED ☐ LOT REJECTED 0 4 5 **GRAND TOTAL** 1 DATE INSPECTED SIGNATURE OF GRADER PLANT NUMBER John Hancock 03/01/23 P-XXXX

### Exhibit VI

			Table III-AD Reduced Condition						n							
	T-11						А	ccept	able	qua	lity	leve	ls			
Code	Lot size ranges Number of	Type of	Sample Size			Origi	n In	spect	cion		0	ther In				1
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	111 100				Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re
CAA	6,000 or less	Double	1st	18	0	2	0	2	1	4	0	2	0	3	2	5
			2d	18												
			Total	36	1	2	1	2	5	6	1	2	2	3	6	7
CA	6,001-36,000	Double	1st	36	0	2	0	4	2	7	0	2	0	4	3	9
			2d	60	0			4		_ ′			0	4	3	
			Total	96	1	2	3	4	10	11	1	2	4	5	15	16
СВ	Over 36,000-	Double	1st	12 0	0	2	2	6	10	14	0	2	3	7	14	19
			2d	60						L	l					
			Total	18 0	1	2	5	6	17	18	1	2	8	9	25	26



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		SE GRADIN			i laws and regulation					ed by the Un	ited States	NUMBER				
				NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER 1/							P-XXXX					
	ANT (Name and addr	ess, including ZIP		NAME	AND ADDR	ESS OF S	HIPPER OF	SEL	.LER <u>1/</u>		NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER 1/					
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	Route 2		Sar	ne as	Appli	cant				1234	L Stre	et				
Little	e Creek, A	R 72419									Dalla	as, TX	95384			
LOT	NO. CONTAINERS	NO. CONTAINERS	NET WT.				PI	ERCE	ENTAGE	S			OFFICIAL U.S. GRADE AND SIZE			
NO.	PER LOT 1/	EXAMINED	2/	AA	AA A		B*	D	Dirties	Checks	Loss	Under Wt. 3/	OFFICIAL U.S. GRADE AND SIZE			
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1	Fresh White	New 15 Dozen	Fiber Taped	New 1 Doz	zen Pulp Ca	artons	rions				Cooler @ 43 °F		USDA Contract Compliance Certificate No. 0100101			
Dendorst	represented by this				AD	DITION	AL CER	rifi	CATIO	N						
	eral Purchase					ell Egg	s		_	_			ts the requirements for the stated grade on 6/4-6/2023			
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	ASE ORDER # 567890		S ORDER # 7654321			EM# 100			Di	sease Free Cer	tification St	itements attac	hed.			
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\* 1500/15 = 750/30 dozen cases. The number of containers was counted by the official grader.

Origin Seal No.: X-XXXXX



CERTIFICATION STATEMEN	ľ
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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 here on 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.

John Hancock



06/08/2023

OFFICIAL GRADER (Printed Name & Signature)

DATE

2/ Weights based on 30-dozen equivalent.

### **REPORT OF LATE DELIVERY**





PLANT NAME:
LOCATION:
PRODUCT TYPE:
PURCHASE ORDER:
SALES ORDER:
ITEM:
NUMBER OF LOADS:
CONTRACTED DELIVERY PERIOD:
PROJECTED DELIVERY PERIOD:
ACTUAL PRODUCTION DATE:
ACTUAL SHIPPING DATE:
REASON(S) FOR DELAY:

### Source Flock Identity

Plant Name:	Plant Number:
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Name of Producer	Address of Producer	Flock Identification (if applicable)	Date

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

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CERTIFICATE NO.	
<b>SEA-</b> 0100101	
PLACE EXAMINED Little Creek, AR	
PLANT NUMBER	Т

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		GRADII	NG CERT		P-XXXX									number X		
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ABC	Ranch			Shi	Shipper or Seller Name Reco								er or	Buyer Name		
987	Route 2			Shi	pper o	r Sel	ler Add	dres	ss		Rece	eive	er or	Buyer Address		
Little	e Creek, A	R 7241	9		Shipper or Seller Address City, State Zip Code							City, State Zip Code				
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LOT	NO.	NO.	NET WT				PE	RCEN	TAGE	s						
NO.	CONTAINERS PER LOT 1/	CONTAINE EXAMINE	RS 2/	AA	A	В	В*		Dirties Checks		Loss		der Wt. 3/	OFFICIAL U.S. GRADE AND SIZE		
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LOT NO.	EGGS	TYPE O	F PACKING	TYPE OF	PACKAGI	NG C	NG CASE QUALIT		Y CHARACTER OF LOSS		WHERE HE TEMPERA			CASES STAMPED WITH		
1	Fresh White	New 15 Doz	en Fiber Taped	New 1 Doz	en Foam Ca	artons	ons					9 42	²°F	USDA Inspected for Contract Compliance 0100101		
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	epresented by this c eral Purchase					ell Egg	ıs		_					s the requirements for the stated grade		
	Acid Lucic constitution — One Protococcurrent State Card & Protococcurrent			April 201	7			and	l size as deter	ze as determined by online sampling on6/4-6/2023						
	ASE ORDER # 67890	IT	EM# See Belo	Dis	sease Free Cer	tification Stat	emer	ıts attacl	ned.							
REMA	RKS:							_								

\* 1500/15 = 750/30 dozen cases. The number of containers was counted by the official grader.

1/(As state by applicant or contractor) Split Delivery

Item # 100: 475/15 dozen cases - Long Island, NY Item # 200: 200/15 dozen cases - Sag Harbor, NY Item # 300: 825/15 dozen cases - Hempstead, NY

Origin Seal No.: X-XXXXX Second Seal No.: X-XXXXY Third Seal No.: X-XXXXZ



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John Hancock

06/08/2023

OFFICIAL GRADER (Printed Name & Signature) 2/ Weights based on 30-dozen equivalent.

DATE

 $3/\mathrm{Eggs}$  reported as undersized are also reported under other headings according to their quality

#### **Exhibit XI**

#### U.S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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