

May 15, 2012

TO: Shell Egg Graders

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SUBJECT: Export Requirements for Shell Eggs Destined to Thailand



This instruction outlines specific certification requirements for shell eggs as prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of the Kingdom of Thailand.

I. Export Verification and Processing Records

Thai authorities require 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.
- 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. Expiration Date (Declaration of Duration of Quality)

The following statement will be printed in the remarks section of the Form PY-210S, Shell Egg Grading Certificate, 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.”

V. Documentation Requirements

- Fresh table eggs must originate from a production flock(s) located in the United States.
- 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.
- 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 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 Thailand.
- The producer/packer is responsible for assuring 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.

VI. Transport Containers

- Transport containers for the shipment of shell eggs to Thailand must be of sound construction, clean, and free of odors.
- The transport container(s) must be sealed with a company seal prior to departure from the processing facility. The company seal number(s) 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-25, 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 - 0123456 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 county(ies) in the state of (state name) identified below:

KING COUNTY - WASHINGTON

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 IN BLUE INK

Signature of Grader



(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- 0123456
 PLACE EXAMINED
 Seattle, WA
 PLANT NUMBER
 P-XXXX

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| TO: APPLICANT (Name and address, including ZIP) Tonya Johnson Farms, LLC C.R. #229 Seattle, WA 98101 | NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER OR SELLER ^{1/} Same as Applicant | NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECEIVER OR BUYER ^{1/} Thai Grocers, Inc. 93/1 Wireless Road Bangkok 10330, Thailand |
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| 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/} | |
| 1 | 750 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | US Grade A Medium |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| LOT NO. | DESCRIPTION | | | | | | | CASES STAMPED WITH | |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| | EGGS | TYPE OF PACKING | TYPE OF PACKAGING | CASE QUALITY RANGE | CHARACTER OF LOSS | WHERE HELD AND TEMPERATURE | | | |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All | |
| | | | | | | Company | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All | |
| | | | | | | Seal # 3456 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sample <input type="checkbox"/> All | |

| ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION | |
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| Product represented by this certificate meets specification requirements for: E-25, Thailand, dated May 15, 2012 | 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>05/24/2012</u> . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.
 The expiration date declared on the product is the responsibility of the applicant.

| CERTIFICATION STATEMENT | |
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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 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 _____ OFFICIAL GRADER (Signature) | MM/DD/YYYY _____ 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.)

