

Notice to Trade

In September 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) implemented a program to facilitate the export of further processed eggs and egg products. These food products are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and through delegated authority, AMS is authorized to certify for export foods containing egg such as imitation egg products, egg substitutes, noodles, cake mixes, and sandwiches containing eggs or egg products. For more information about further processed eggs and egg products regulated by FDA, please refer to: <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/ICECI/Inspections/IOM/ucm127390.pdf>

AMS is expanding these services to include products containing egg that are currently certified under the Voluntary Inspection Program of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). Effective November 10, FSIS will no longer issue certificates for these products. FSIS published the announcement at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-10/html/2014-21554.htm>

To transition from the FSIS Voluntary Inspection program to the AMS certification program, processors should follow these steps:

- Complete and submit an application to AMS
 - Application: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/PYEggExportProcessedEggApplication>
- AMS will review and process the application
- AMS will contact the Company designee to set up an audit
 - Verification audit Information: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/PYEggExportProcessedEggVerification>
- Once AMS verifies that a company meets the established requirements, the company will be listed as eligible for export by product and country.
 - Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers of Further Processed Egg Food can be found at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5105481>
- An eligible company would contact AMS for an export certificate covering accepted product and identify the foreign country by completing the export worksheet and submitting it to ev.export@ams.usda.gov
 - Worksheet: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/PYEggExportProcessedEggCertification>

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