

APHIS Requirements: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) regulates the importation of animals and animal-derived materials to ensure that exotic animal and poultry diseases are not introduced into the United States. Importers should contact the APHIS Import staff to determine a foreign country's eligibility to export to the U.S. Permits may be required for some countries.

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APHIS Import staff:

National Import Export Services
4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD 20737
Office: 301-851-3300
Press Option 1

AskNIES.Products@aphis.usda.gov

1. **FDA Requirements:** Foreign producers must comply with the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) "Egg Rule" found in 21 CFR Part 118 – Production, Storage, and Transportation of Shell Eggs. Only the *registration* and *refrigeration* portions of the Rule apply to shell eggs intended for pasteurization (breaking stock).

Egg Rule at a Glance:

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/UCM232271.pdf>

FDA Registration: <http://www.access.fda.gov/>

Questions: (888) 723-3366

2. **AMS Requirements:** Application to import shell eggs into the U.S. must be made on Form LPS-222 and be accompanied by a foreign health certificate. Import details can be found at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELDEV3004691> (Refer to sections 57.900 – 970)

I. **Foreign Inspection Certificate** must contain the following information (CFR Part 57.915):

- a. Name of country exporting product
- b. City, and Date where issued
- c. Quality or Description of the eggs
- d. Number of cases and total quantity (in dozens)
- e. Identification Marks on containers
- f. Name and Address, of Exporter
- g. Name and Address, of Importer
- h. Certify that the description of the shell eggs including date of pack is accurate.
- i. Certify that the shell eggs were stored and transported under refrigeration at an ambient temperature of 45°F/7.2°C or less.
- j. Name, Title and Signature of individual(s) authorized to issue inspection certificates for shell eggs exported to the United States

II. **Form LPS-222.** In advance of arrival complete sections A, B, C, and D of Form, *LPS-222, Import Request (Shell Eggs)*. The Form, LPS-222 is available at the following link:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELDEV3004641>

It is highly recommended that a copy of the shipping case label used on the product accompany Form, LPS-222.

III. E-mail the completed Form LPS-222, along with a copy of the foreign health certificate to:

QAD.importrequesteggs@ams.usda.gov

Alternatively, the form may be sent via mail to: Quality Assessment Division
Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
Room 3932-S, Stop 0258
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

The documents will be reviewed, assigned an AMS import permit number, and returned to the individual/company who submitted the paperwork. The completed Form LPS-222 must be presented to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) for a conditional release of the product. Product may be subject to an additional inspection by USDA personnel before a final release of the product is granted.

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