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ATTENTION: New Regulations and Forms to Export U.S. Shell Eggs to Mexico



Dear U.S. Egg Industry:

Please find background information and links to the AMS updated certificate and regulations to export U.S. shell eggs to Mexico.

Background

Authorities in Mexico have altered requirements for eggs shipped from the U.S. The major change relates to traceability and documenting the origin of eggs and egg products shipped to Mexico. The changes were made to standardize criteria and avoid problems at the borders. The Import-Zoo-Sanitary Requirements Sheet (HRZ) for shell eggs now requires "effective traceability mechanisms" back to the farm of origin. Provisions number 7 and 13 were slightly changed, but there was a completely new provision stating that "at the farm of origin and at the establishment from where the product proceeds, there needs to be sufficient and effective traceability mechanisms that allow to determine the origin of the export commodity."

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has amended their export certificate(s) to conform and incorporate the required changes. The Mexican Animal Health and Food Safety Agency (SENASICA) has given until June 9 to be able to use the "old and new" certificates as a period of grace. **Starting on June 10, 2020**, only the new certificates will be allowed.

Export info links

AMS revised U.S. shell egg certificate:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/DiseaseFreeStatementsTableEggsMexico.pdf>

For any U.S. shell egg shipments to Mexico, please use the new forms. Additionally, AMS has resources online on what is necessary to export eggs to many countries, including Mexico. Here is the main link for shell egg requirement exporting: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/publications/content/qad-shell-egg-exports>

To check for any shell egg export restrictions:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Shell%20Egg%20Export%20Restrictions.pdf>

For U.S. egg products, you can go to FSIS for export information:

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products>

Thank you,

The American Egg Board