



## Chapter 9

## Shell Egg - Exports

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**9.1**      **OBJECTIVE OF ACTIVITY**

To ensure that shell eggs from federally registered egg stations, intended for export, are certified to meet the requirements of the *Egg Regulations* and/or the requirements of the importing country.

**9.2**      **REFERENCES**

[Egg Regulations](#) [Part V, Sections 26, 27 & 28]

**9.3**      **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

Air cell gauge  
Candling light  
CFIA Inspection stamp and ink pad  
Egg scale and check weights  
Random sampling numbers table

**9.4**      **REQUIRED FORMS**

Application for Inspection (Egg or Processed Egg) (CFIA/ACIA 5435) - [Appendix I](#)  
Application for Inspection (Egg or Processed Egg) (CFIA/ACIA 5435) - Example - [Appendix II](#)  
Shell Egg - Product Inspection Report - Origin (CFIA/ACIA 4196) - [Appendix III](#)  
Certificate of Inspection/Grading (Eggs and Poultry) (CFIA/ACIA 1022) - [Appendix IV](#)  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency Invoice (CFIA/ACIA 0527) - [Appendix VI](#)  
Notice of Detention (CFIA/ACIA 3256)  
Notice of Release from Detention (CFIA/ACIA 3257)  
Country Specific Forms (if applicable)

**9.5**      **GUIDELINES**

The *Egg Regulations* permit the exportation of up to 24 cases of eggs (1 case = 30 dozen eggs) without inspection and certification, but these eggs must have been graded, packed and marked in accordance with the *Egg Regulations*. Should an exporter request a certificate for less than 24 cases, one may be issued at the applicable cost recovery fee. For shipments in excess of 24 cases and destined for export out of Canada, the eggs must be graded, packed, marked, inspected and covered by a current inspection certificate issued by a CFIA inspector. If an export is delayed and the certificate lapses in time by more than 5 days, a new inspection is required and a new certificate must be issued.

The exportation of shell eggs that do not meet the requirements of the *Egg Regulations* in respect of grade, packing or marking is permitted, provided certain conditions are met. This situation is normally due to specific labelling requirements of a foreign country. Please see the [Egg Regulations](#) [Part V, Section 27] for further information. The inspector must indicate, on the certificate, that the shipment does not meet the requirements of the *Egg Regulations*. In order for an inspector to certify that a shipment of eggs meets the requirements of a foreign country, the company exporting the eggs must provide the CFIA inspector with a written copy of the foreign country's requirements. The inspector will keep the copy on file.

**9.5.1**    **NOTIFICATION**

The applicant must contact the CFIA office by phone, e-mail or in writing at least 48 hours in advance, to request an inspection. The applicant must provide details including the date, location, volume, grade, and size designation of the eggs to be inspected. An Application for Inspection (Egg or Processed Egg) (CFIA/ACIA 5435) must be completed by the applicant and presented to the inspector prior to the inspection. The Area Egg Specialist is to be notified by the Supervisor or Regional Program Officer that an export inspection has been requested and provide details on the shipment.

If the shipment of eggs is to be exported to the United States, the Area Egg Specialist will ensure that the USDA-AMS Poultry Programs Grading Branch in Washington D.C. is

notified of the date and destination of the export and any other information required.

If a shipment of eggs is to be exported to any other country, official notification to the Government of the importing country is only necessary if a request for this notification was made by the importing country.

### 9.5.2 CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

(see 4.6.2. of Chapter 4 - Shell Egg -Product Inspection, for detailed instructions on performing an origin inspection and completing the Shell Egg - Product Inspection Report - Origin (CFIA/ACIA 4196)

The inspector must first verify that the shell eggs are eligible to be exported to the foreign country. The CFIA inspector cannot certify a shipment of eggs destined to any country which has made formal notification that they have a prohibition on the importation of eggs from Canada. Prohibitions on imports may result from an animal health concern or other issue. The CFIA inspector should contact the Area Egg Specialist for up to date information.

Where a shipment is moving to a country other than the USA, the inspector must determine if an export certificate, specific to that country, has been developed and approved (eg. Hong Kong). In these cases, the foreign country has specific certification statements and information they require and will not accept a shipment certified using the regular export certificate CFIA/ACIA 1022. The inspector should contact the Area Egg Specialist to confirm such details.

Once it is determined that the shipment is eligible for certification, the inspector should follow the procedure below:

- (a) The inspector identifies the eggs to be inspected and counts the number of units in the lot. Using the origin sampling plan table and the random sampling numbers table, the inspector selects a series of random numbers for the inspection, based on the Normal level of inspection.
- (b) The inspector draws the corresponding units from the lot and inspects them using the origin inspection tolerance.
- (c) The inspector will inspect the eggs against Canadian requirements. In some cases, the inspector may be asked to certify that a lot of eggs meets the specific requirements of a foreign country. For countries other than the USA, it is the responsibility of the company exporting the eggs to provide the CFIA inspector with a written copy of the foreign country's requirements. Inspection results are recorded on the Shell Egg - Product Inspection Report - Origin (CFIA/ACIA 4196).
- (d) The label on the carton or container used for the export of eggs must meet the requirements of the importing country. For eggs moving offshore, markings which meet Canadian requirements are normally sufficient.

For eggs moving to the USA, the label has to be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) section of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington. The inspector should be provided with a copy of the US approval before certifying the load. For the procedures for label approval, refer to Chapter 7- Shell Egg - Packaging, Labelling and Markings.

- (e) If a lot of eggs fails to meet the specific requirements of the importing country, the owner will be advised that the product cannot be certified for export to that country. However, if the same lot of eggs meets Canadian requirements, it may still be marketed in Canada. If the lot of eggs fails to meet Canadian requirements, the eggs will be detained and a Notice of Detention (CFIA/ACIA 3256) will be issued. See Chapter 11- Shell Egg - Enforcement and Compliance. The owner will be informed that the eggs failed to meet the grade claimed, were detained, and could not be certified. The product inspection level of the plant will not change as a result of this inspection.

- (f) Where the lot of eggs passes the inspection, a Certificate of Inspection/Grading (Eggs and Poultry) (CFIA/ACIA 1022) or country specific certificate is completed.
- (g) If the shell eggs are being exported to the USA, and are packed in containers destined for the consumer, the following statement must appear on the Certificate of Inspection “*The eggs have been stored at an ambient temperature of no greater than 45°F (7.2°C)*”. Likewise, the containers must be labelled to state that refrigeration is required.
- (h) All export certificates are to be stamped with the CFIA stamp using red ink. Each copy is to be stamped beside the inspector’s name.



- (i) Six copies of the Certificate of Inspection/Grading (Eggs and Poultry) (CFIA/ACIA 1022) are to be produced and distributed as follows:
- 1 original and 1 copy to the applicant or plant manager at the inspection location.
  - 1 copy to  

Market and Industry Services Branch  
Animal Industry Division, Poultry Section  
Tower 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1341 Baseline Road  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0C5
  - 1 copy to the Markets Information clerk at the responsible CFIA office with the Application for Inspection (CFIA/ACIA 5435) attached.
  - 1 copy to the Chief, Egg Programs in Ottawa.
  - 1 copy for the inspector’s file.
- (j) Stamping of shell egg containers for export is not mandatory and is only performed if requested by the applicant. If stamping is requested, it is the responsibility of the applicant to set the load up so that every display panel is visible to the inspector for stamping. This is known as the “H block setup”. (see Appendix IV) The CFIA stamp will be applied to the top right hand corner of the principle display panel of each container in a neat and legible manner.

**9.6**      **TRANSPORTATION****9.6.1**    **PREPARATION OF PRODUCT**

- (a) Eggs should be cooled prior to being shrink-wrapped to reduce the risk of mould development.
- (b) Pallets should only be shrink-wrapped immediately prior to shipping or wrapped in a manner which allows ventilation of the product (eg. plastic netting).
- (c) Eggs should not be stored on the loading dock prior to shipping.

**9.6.2**    **TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES**

- (a) Transport vehicles used for transporting eggs must be capable of maintaining the eggs in a refrigerated state. For graded eggs moving to the USA the required refrigeration temperature is 7.2°C (45°F).
- (b) Transport vehicles must be closed to the outside environment and capable of providing adequate protection from contamination.
- (c) Vehicles used for transporting eggs must not have been used to transport any product or substance which might adversely affect the eggs (e.g. chemicals, livestock, etc.).
- (d) Transport vehicles are to be sealed with CFIA seals and the seal numbers are to be recorded on the Export Certificate.

**9.7**      **COST RECOVERY**

The certification of eggs for export is cost recoverable and therefore a CFIA Invoice (CFIA/ACIA 0527) should be completed and sent to the applicant for payment. See the Chapter 12- Shell Egg - Cost Recovery for further information.











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**SHELL EGG  
PRODUCT INSPECTION REPORT ORIGIN**

Table I

ACCEPTANCE SAMPLING SCHEME: SHELL EGG PROGRAM  
Sampling Plan for all Canada A Sizes (except AELS and Jumbo)  
and Canada B

Lot size (Number of Units)  Taille du lot (nombre d'unités)	Reduced Level* Régime réduit*			Normal Level Régime normal			Tightened Level Régime élevé		
	Sample Size Taille de l'échant.	Ac	Re	Sample Size Taille de l'échant.	Ac	Re	Sample Size Taille de l'échant.	Ac	Re
2 - 90	2	0	2	5	1	2	8	1	2
91-150	3	1	3	8	2	3	8	1	2
151 - 280	5	1	4	13	3	4	13	2	3
281 - 500	8	2	5	20	5	6	20	3	4
501 - 1200	13	3	6	32	7	8	32	5	6
1201 - 3200	20	5	8	50	10	11	50	8	9
3201 - 10,000	32	7	10	80	14	15	80	12	13
over / plus 10,000	50	10	13	125	21	22	125	18	19

Ac = acceptance number = maximum number of defective units allowed in the sample for an acceptable lot.

Re = rejection number = minimum number of defective units in the sample requiring the lot to be rejected.

\* If, at the end of a lot inspection, the acceptance number has been exceeded but the rejection number has not been reached, reinstate the Normal level. If one or more units have excessive undergrades, continue the inspection of the lot at the Normal level by taking additional random units for sampling. Determine the acceptability of the lot using the appropriate Ac/Re numbers at the Normal level of inspection.

**OEUFS EN COQUILLE  
RAPPORT D'INSPECTION DE PRODUITS AU  
POINT D'ORIGINE**

Tableau I

PLAN D'ÉCHANTILLONNAGE: PROGRAMME DES OEUFS EN COQUILLE  
Plan d'échantillonnage pour les Canada A (sauf les calibres Extra gros et  
Jumbo) et Canada B

Ac = limite acceptable = nombre maximal d'unités défectueuses permises dans l'échantillon pour qu'un lot soit accepté.

Re = seuil de rejet = nombre minimal d'unités défectueuses dans l'échantillon pour qu'un lot soit rejeté.

\* Si, à la fin d'inspection d'un lot, la limite acceptable a été dépassée sans que le seuil de rejet ait été atteint, passer au régime d'inspection normal. Si une ou plusieurs unités présentent un nombre excessif d'inférieurs, poursuivre l'inspection de ce lot au niveau normal en prélevant, de façon aléatoire, des unités supplémentaires pour compléter l'inspection. L'acceptabilité de ce lot est alors déterminée en utilisant les valeurs Ac/Re du niveau d'inspection normal.

Table II

ACCEPTANCE SAMPLING SCHEME: SHELL EGG PROGRAM  
Sampling Plan for Canada AELS and Jumbo

Lot size (Number of Units)  Taille du lot (nombre d'unités)	Reduced Level* Régime réduit*			Normal Level Régime normal			Tightened Level Régime élevé		
	Sample Size Taille de l'échant.	Ac	Re	Sample Size Taille de l'échant.	Ac	Re	Sample Size Taille de l'échant.	Ac	Re
2 - 15	2	1	2	2	1	2	3	1	2
16 - 25	2	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	2
26 - 90	2	1	3	5	3	4	5	2	3
91 - 150	3	2	4	8	5	6	8	3	4
151 - 280	5	3	6	13	7	8	13	5	6
281 - 500	8	5	8	20	10	11	20	8	9
501 - 1200	13	7	10	32	14	15	32	12	13
over / plus 1200	20	10	13	50	21	22	50	18	19

Ac = acceptance number = maximum number of defective units allowed in the sample for an acceptable lot.

Re = rejection number = minimum number of defective units in the sample requiring the lot to be rejected.

\* If, at the end of a lot inspection, the acceptance number has been exceeded but the rejection number has not been reached, reinstate the Normal level. For lot sizes of 16 - 280 units, continue the inspection of the lot at the Normal level by taking additional random units for sampling. Determine the acceptability of the lot using the appropriate Ac/Re numbers at the Normal level of inspection. For lot sizes greater than 280 units, proceed in the same manner as described in Table I above (i.e. only increase the sample size for this lot to Normal where one or more of the defective units contains an excessive number of undergrades).

Tableau II

PLAN D'ÉCHANTILLONNAGE: PROGRAMME DES OEUFS EN COQUILLE  
Plan d'échantillonnage pour les Canada A de calibres Extra gros et Jumbo

Ac = limite acceptable = nombre maximal d'unités défectueuses permises dans l'échantillon pour qu'un lot soit accepté.

Re = seuil de rejet = nombre minimal d'unités défectueuses dans l'échantillon pour qu'un lot soit rejeté.

\* Si, à la fin d'inspection d'un lot, la limite acceptable a été dépassée sans que le seuil de rejet ait été atteint, passer au régime d'inspection normal. Pour les lots de 16 - 280 unités, poursuivre l'inspection de ce lot au niveau normal en prélevant, de façon aléatoire, des unités supplémentaires pour compléter l'inspection. L'acceptabilité de ce lot est alors déterminée en utilisant les valeurs Ac/Re du niveau d'inspection normal. Pour les lots de plus de 280 unités, procéder tel que décrit au tableau I ci-dessus (c.à.d. prélever des unités additionnelles pour atteindre la taille de l'échantillon du niveau Normal seulement lorsque une ou plusieurs des unités déjà inspectées présentent un nombre excessif d'inférieurs).

**CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION/GRADING (EGGS AND POULTRY) (CFIA/ACIA 1022)**



Canadian Food Inspection Agency / Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments

Province	Certificate No. / N° de certificat
	EPP

**CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION/GRADING (Eggs and Poultry)**

**CERTIFICAT D'INSPECTION/CLASSEMENT (Oeufs et Volaille)**

Name of Applicant / Nom du requérant			Consignee or Foreign Exporter / Destinataire ou expéditeur à l'étranger		
Complete Address (Applicant) / Adresse complète (requérant)			Complete Address (Exporter) / Adresse complète (expéditeur)		
Import Permit No. / N° de permis d'importation		Inspection Location / Lieu d'inspection		Carrier / Transporteur	
Foreign Certificate No. / N° de certificat du pays étranger		Import Control No. / N° de contrôle d'importation		Country of Origin / Pays d'origine	
Products / Produits		Certificate Required for / Certificat requis pour			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggs / Oeufs <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry / Volaille		<input type="checkbox"/> Importation <input type="checkbox"/> Export / Exportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) / Autre (Spécifier)			
<b>EGGS / OEUFS</b>			<b>POULTRY / VOLAILLE</b>		
DESCRIPTION OF CONTAINERS AND PACKING MATERIAL / DESCRIPTION DES CONTENANTS ET DU MATÉRIEL D'EMBALLAGE			DESCRIPTION OF CONTAINERS AND PACKING MATERIAL / DESCRIPTION DES CONTENANTS ET DU MATÉRIEL D'EMBALLAGE		
Grade Marked and Size / Catégorie marquée et calibre	No. of Containers / Nbre de contenants	No. of 15 Doz. Equiv. / Nbre en équiv. de 15 douz.	Species and Grade Marked / Espèce et catégorie marquée	No. of Containers / Nbre de contenants	Net Weight (Kg) / Poids net (Kg)
TOTAL			TOTAL		
I hereby certify that the above described agricultural products meet the requirements for grade name and grade marked on the containers and are graded, packed and marked in accordance with the applicable regulation.			Je certifie par la présente que les produits agricoles décrits ci-dessus sont conformes aux exigences relatives au nom de catégorie et à la catégorie mentionnée sur le contenant, et qu'ils sont classés, emballés et marqués conformément au règlement qui s'applique.		
Applicable Regulation / Règlement applicable			Mail original immediately to: / Poster l'original immédiatement à:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Egg Regulations / Règlement sur les oeufs			Animal Industry Division / Poultry Section / Tower 7, 7th Floor / 1341 Baseline Road, Ottawa, Ontario / K1A 0C5		
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock and Poultry Carcass Grading Regulations / Règlement sur la classification des carcasses de bétail et de volaille			Division de l'industrie animale / Section de la volaille / Tour 7, 7ème Plancher / 1341, chemin Baseline / Ottawa (Ontario) / K1A 0C5		
Date		Inspector's Name / Nom de l'inspecteur		Inspector's Signature / Signature de l'inspecteur	

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Pink Copy - District Office / Copie rose - Bureau de district

Gold Copy - Applicant / Copie or - Requérant

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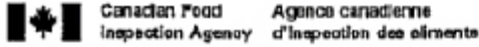
H-BLOCK SET-UP FOR STAMPING BOXES OF EGGS

Standard skid - 60 boxes


H Block - remove grey boxes and put on top layer for stamping

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INVOICE FACTURE

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Originating Office Address / Adresse du bureau d'origine Originating office address Address1 Address2 City PROVINCE Country: COUNTRY Postal Code: Postal Code		Customer Reference Number Numéro de référence de client Invoice No. / N° de facture
Province of Service or Entry Province de service ou entrée		Vendor's HST/GST Registration Number Numéro d'enregistrement de la TVH/TPS du vendeur
Single Business Number Numéro d'entreprise unique		Invoice Date / Date de facturation
Vendor's PST Registration No. N° d'enregistrement de la TVP du vendeur Québec : 10-2008-4462 (Others / Autres : n/a - s/b)		Client PST Registration No. N° d'enregistrement de la TVP du client

Commodity Code de la marchandise	Commodity Service Description Description du service relié à la marchandise	Service Details Renseignements détaillés-service	Cost/Unit Coût/Unité	Unit Unité	Quantity Issued Quantité livrée	Cost Coût

Method of Payment / Mode de paiement Receipt of payment in amount shown is hereby acknowledged Accusé de réception du paiement ci-indiqué		Total Non-Taxable Sales Total des ventes non taxables	A	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Account Compté Account No. / N° de compte →		Total Taxable Sales Total des ventes taxables	B	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash Comptant		HST or GST TVH ou TPS	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Chèque		PST TVP	D	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Payable at Customs Payable aux douanes		Total of Invoice Total de la facture	A+B+C+D	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Carte de crédit		Amount Received Montant reçu	E	
Credit Card Number / Numéro de la carte de crédit	Expiry Date / Date d'expiration	Amount Owning Montant à payer	A+B+C+D - E	\$0.00
Card Holder Name per Card / Titulaire de la carte		All payments must be made in Canadian dollars Tous paiements doivent être fait en dollars canadien		
Signature of Authorized Card User Signature de l'utilisateur autorisé de la carte		Date		

Signature of Client or Agent receiving above goods or services (if available) Signature du client ou de l'agent recevant les biens ou services mentionnés ci-dessus (si disponible)	Remittance Address: Canadian Food Inspection Agency Accounts Receivable P.O. Box 6199 Moncton, N.B., E1C 8R2 1-888-677-2342
Prepared by/Préparé par	Service Date / Date du service
Payer's Name and Address / Nom et adresse du souscripteur CLIENT NAME / NOM DU CLIENT	
Adresse de remise : Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments Comptes Débiteurs C.P. 6199 Moncton (N. B.) E1C 8R2 1-888-677-2342	