

OPI: TS/SISP

I. PURPOSE

This directive describes the requirements which apply to the harvesting of fowl ova for human food purposes.

II. CANCELLATION

(Reserved)

III. REASON FOR REISSUANCE

(Reserved)

IV. REFERENCES

A. Section 381.65(m)(1) and (2), Poultry Products Inspection Regulations.

B. Egg Products Inspection Act and regulations (7 CFR 59.44).

V. POLICY

Detached fowl ova may be collected for human food in an official establishment provided it is done in a sanitary manner.

VI. REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will apply:

A. Products are subject to the Egg Products Inspection Act and regulations (7 CFR Part 59) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act and regulations (7 CFR Part 381).

B. An MP Form 505 (Attachment I) must be completed by the USDA slaughter plant inspector and must accompany each shipment of fowl ova. The normal distribution of the MP Form 505 will not be followed but must be modified for shipments of fowl ova as follows:

1. The original and first copy of the MP Form 505 shall accompany each shipment of fowl ova to its destination.

2. The second copy of the MP Form 505 shall be mailed to the USDA egg products inspector at the destination establishment.

3. The third copy of the MP Form 505 shall be filed in the government office.

4. Upon receipt of the shipment, the USDA egg products inspector shall sign and return the first copy of the MP Form 505

accompanying the shipment to the USDA slaughter inspector at the originating plant with a notation in the "Remarks" block of the form that the product was received.

5. If the USDA egg products inspector receives the second copy (mailed copy) of the MP Form 505 but does not receive the shipment, the USDA egg products inspector will contact the USDA slaughter inspector.

C. Products may be distributed only to approved egg products processing plants operating under the Egg Products Inspection Act and must be labeled to indicate that they were harvested under sanitary conditions as required by 7 CFR 59.44. The following egg processing plants are currently approved to process fowl ova:

1. Plant 1610 -- Papetti's Hygrade Poultry and Eggs, Inc.
847 North Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07201
2. Plant 1135 -- Xtract Industries, Inc.
952 East Francis Street
Ontario, CA 91761

D. Labels may not have the marks of poultry products inspection and should be approved by the inspector in charge. The following is a sample label:

FOWL OVA

ELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER
PROCESSING
IN AN OFFICIAL USDA EGG PRODUCTS
PROCESSING PLANT

HARVESTED UNDER SANITARY
SUPERVISION OF THE USDA
INSPECTION SERVICE

Plant No.:

Lot No.:

The plant number is the official establishment number. The lot number is the date of slaughter and harvesting of the fowl ova, and may be written or stamped on the label.

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E. Product must meet all requirements specified in section 381.65(m) (1) and (2) of the Poultry products inspection regulations.

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Attachment
Completed MP Form 505 (See paper copy of directive)