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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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FSIS NOTICE

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CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS ON EGG PRODUCTS INSPECTION AND GRADING CERTIFICATES, FSIS FORM PY-200

I. PURPOSE

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) allows egg products plants to use a disease free certification statement on the FSIS Form PY-200 (Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate). This notice advises Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection program personnel (IPP) that the APHIS certification statement on FSIS Form PY-200 is only to be used for egg products that are to be exported. This statement is not to be issued for movement of egg products domestically.

II. BACKGROUND

FSIS Form PY-200 is a certificate issued by IPP that they have examined the type (e.g. frozen whole eggs, liquid egg yolks) and condition of the egg products and determined that they meet the requirements of 9 CFR 590. IPP issue the FSIS Form PY-200 at the request of an applicant to accompany shipments of egg products.

III. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS PERMITTED ON FSIS FORM PY-200

A. As stated above, upon the request of an applicant, IPP may issue FSIS Form PY-200 to accompany exports of egg products. The following certification statement, posted in the FSIS Export Library, may be included on the FSIS Form PY-200:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, certifies that no cases of lethal avian influenza (fowl plague) and no cases of exotic Newcastle disease have been reported in commercial laying flocks in the State of origin where the shell eggs originated and/or were processed for the 6 months preceding departure of this consignment. The shell eggs used to produce the product covered by this certificate originated in [insert name of state(s)].

[FSIS Export Library - APHIS Statement](#)

DISTRIBUTION: Electronic

NOTICE EXPIRES: 9/1/2010

OPI: OPPD

NOTE: FSIS does not permit the use of the APHIS certification statement on the FSIS Form PY-200 for egg products shipped to locations in the United States.

B. In addition, the FSIS Form PY-200 that accompanies egg export shipments may contain other certification statements as required by the importing country. The “Requirements for Processed Egg Products” export information page in the FSIS export library lists individual country’s requirements for egg products. FSIS does not permit statements on the FSIS Form PY-200 related to egg products other than those listed in the FSIS Export Library.

C. To access a country’s egg products export requirements, click on the FSIS Export Library web site link below.

[Egg Products Exports - Country Requirements](#)

IV. IPP RESPONSIBILITIES AT EGG PRODUCTION PLANTS

Once IPP determine establishments have included the APHIS certification statement on a FSIS Form PY-200 for a shipment of egg products to be exported, they are to verify that:

1. The form is only for egg products destined for export.
2. The use of the certification statement complies with the import requirements of the country that is to receive the egg products.
3. The plant has the necessary documentation (e.g., bill of lading) that includes States of origin of the shell eggs used to produce the egg product. (9 CFR 590.200)

NOTE: Before the egg products are shipped, IPP are to ask the exporters to provide confirmation that the importing country will accept the certification statements indicated on the FSIS Form PY-200.

Refer questions regarding this notice to the Policy Development Division through askFSIS at <http://askfsis.custhelp.com> or by telephone at 1-800-233-3935.



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