

## Table Eggs

Table eggs exported to Taiwan must be certified by both APHIS-Veterinary Services and the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).

Taiwan is an exception to the APHIS policy of not certifying table eggs (table eggs are generally exported with only AMS certification).

1. Table eggs for export must first be graded by AMS. For each shipment for export to Taiwan, exporters should obtain the PY-210S (“Shell Egg Grading Certificate”) from AMS.

Into the “REMARKS” section of the PY-210S, the following three items should be typed prior to endorsement by AMS:

Eggs originate from flocks located in the following state(s): *[insert state(s) where laying flocks are located]*

Processing/packaging facility: *[insert name and address of processing/packaging facility or facilities]*

Eggs were processed/packaged: *[insert date or dates of processing/packaging]*

Contact information for AMS:

USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service  
Poultry Division-Grading Branch  
P.O. Box 96456  
South Agriculture Building  
Washington, DC 20090-6456

Phone: 202-720-4411 Fax: 202-690-3165

2. Once the PY-210S is received the exporter must obtain a VS Form 16-4 from APHIS-Veterinary Services.

To prepare the VS Form 16-4:

- The PY-210S is page two of the final table egg certificate, and must be provided to the endorsing APHIS office prior to endorsement of the VS Form 16-4. The VS Form 16-4 will be page one of the final table egg certificate.
- Into the “Additional Declaration” area of the VS Form 16-4, the following should be typed:

The following state(s), identified on the attached USDA AMS Shell Egg Grading Certificate Number *[insert AMS certificate number]* as the state(s) of origin of the table

eggs is/are free of exotic Newcastle Disease (END) and all forms of notifiable avian influenza (as defined by OIE: an infection of poultry caused by any influenza A virus of H5 or H7 subtypes or by any AI virus with an intravenous pathogenicity index greater than 1.2, or as an alternative at least 75% mortality): *[insert names of states where laying flocks and processing facilities are located.]*

- Into the “Product” area of the VS Form 16-4, the following should be typed:

See attached USDA Shell Egg Grading Certificate Number *[insert AMS certificate number]*

- Into the “Identification” area of the VS Form 16-4, the following should again be typed:

See attached USDA Shell Egg Grading Certificate Number *[insert AMS certificate number]*

3. The following required information should also be typed into the VS Form 16-4, in the applicable areas:

- Port of loading (port must be specified)
- Name and address of exporter (consignor) and of the consignee
- Conveyance- should include specific flight number or ship name to avoid delays in Taiwan.

4. In cases where, due to timing, preparation of the VS Form 16-4 is necessary prior to the availability of the AMS PY-210S, exporters may supply the VS Form 16-4 to the Area Office, prepared with the unavailable information left blank (for instance, the AMS PY-210S certificate number, the flight number, etc). Once the AMS PY-210S and other required information is available, the exporter may transmit a copy of the AMS PY-210S to the APHIS endorsing office, who can then add the required information to the VS Form 16-4, as well as add the AMS PY-210S to the back of the VS Form 16-4, making it page 2 of the final table egg certificate. APHIS will place the VS Form 16-4 certificate number onto the upper right hand corner of the AMS PY-210S, and mark it “page 2 of 2”. The APHIS endorsing official will then initial and seal the AMS PY-210S. A copy of the AMS PY-210S is acceptable as page two of the VS Form 16-4, as long as the copy is entirely legible. Exporters should contact the endorsing APHIS Area Office in advance to ensure that resources will allow for the completion of all required documentation prior to the shipping of the product, and arrange for any logistics.

Contact information for the various VS Area Offices is available at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/area\\_offices.htm](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/area_offices.htm)

5. Exporters should have their importers in Taiwan confirm prior to shipment that the shipment and documentation meet all Taiwanese requirements for entry.