

Shell Eggs

U.S.-origin shell eggs, preserved or cooked [classified by Taiwan’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency (APHIA) under the commodity code 04079000000] are now eligible for export to Taiwan. Shell eggs exported to Taiwan must be certified by both APHIS-Veterinary Services (VS) and USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).

The following are the steps to take to obtain the appropriate certifications for shell eggs to Taiwan:

1. Shell eggs for export must first be certified by AMS. For each shipment for export to Taiwan, exporters should obtain the LPS-234 (USDA Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Certificate) from AMS.
 - a. Into the “Attestations” section of the LPS-234, the following items should be typed prior to AMS endorsement:
 1. The product is wholesome, fit for human consumption, and has free sale in the United States of America.
 2. Product of USA. Certified for Export - Taiwan
 3. Eggs originate from flocks located in the following county(-ies), state(s): [*insert county(-ies), state(s) where laying flocks are located*]
 4. Processing/Packaging facility: [*insert address of processing/packaging facility(-ies)*]
 5. Eggs were processed/packaged: [*insert date(s) of processing/packaging*]
 6. All shell eggs are transported in new packaging material.
 7. Shipping container sealed with Seal No. [*insert plant supplied seal number*]
 - b. Contact information for AMS:
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
4686 S Westwood Drive
Republic, MO 65738
(501) 766-4782
EV.Export@ams.usda.gov
2. Once the LPS-234 is received, the exporter must obtain a VS Form 16-4 “Export Certificate for Animal Products” from APHIS-VS.
 - a. To prepare the VS Form 16-4:
 - i. The LPS-234 is page two of the final shell egg certificate and must be provided to the endorsing APHIS VS Service Center prior to endorsement of the VS Form 16-4. The VS Form 16-4 will be page one of the final table egg certificate.
Note: the LPS-234 (page two of the final shell egg certificate) is NOT on APHIS Security Paper, but remains on the paper endorsed by AMS.
 - ii. Into the “Additional Declarations” area of the VS Form 16-4, the following statements should be typed:

This is to certify that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the United States of America.

The following zone(s) have been identified on the attached USDA AMS Certificate Number [*insert AMS certificate number*] as the County(-ies), State(s) of origin of the shell eggs: [*insert names of County(-ies), State(s) where laying flocks and processing facilities are located*]

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1. No outbreak of Newcastle disease, high pathogenic avian influenza, the subtypes of H5 and H7 low pathogenic avian influenza has occurred for at least 28 days at the farm of origin where the eggs and egg products are sourced from prior to export.
- iii. Into the “Product” area of the VS Form 16-4, the following should be typed:

See attached USDA AMS Certificate Number [*insert AMS certificate number*]
- iv. Into the “Identification” area of the VS Form 16-4, the following should be typed:

See attached USDA AMS Certificate Number [*insert AMS certificate number*]
- v. The following required information should also be typed into the VS Form 16-4, in the applicable areas:
 1. Port of loading (port must be specified);
 2. Name and address of exporter (consignor) and of the consignee;
 3. Conveyance – should include specific flight number or ship name to avoid delays in Taiwan
3. In cases where, due to timing, preparation of the VS Form 16-4 is necessary prior to the availability of the AMS LPS-234, exporters may supply the VS Form 16-4 to the VS Service Center, prepared with the unavailable information left blank (e.g., the AMS LPS-234 certificate number, flight number, etc.). Once the AMS LPS-234 and other required information is available, the exporter may transmit a copy of the AMS LPS-234 to the endorsing VS Service Center, who can then add the required information to the VS Form 16-4, as well as add the AMS LPS-234 to the VS Form 16-4, making it page two of the final shell egg certificate. (NOTE: Page two is NOT on APHIS Security Paper) APHIS will place the VS Form 16-4 certificate number into the “Certificate Number” area of the LPS-234 and mark it “Page 2 of 2.” The APHIS endorsing official will then initial and seal the AMS LPS-234. A copy of the AMS LPS-234 is acceptable as page two of the VS Form 16-4, as long as the copy is entirely legible. Exporters should contact the endorsing VS Service Center in advance to ensure that resources will allow for the completion of all required documentation prior to shipping of the product, and arrange for any logistics.
4. Exporters should have their importers in Taiwan confirm prior to shipment that the shipment and documentation meet all Taiwanese requirements for entry.