

Disinfected Blown Egg Shells for Ornamental Purposes

As always, exporters should have their importers confirm (prior to shipment) with the specific Japanese government officials at the anticipated port of entry into Japan that the consignment will be allowed entry into Japan with the endorsed certificate.

I. Egg shells that have been **sanitized with a solution of at least 200 ppm chlorine**

The following text should be added to the additional declarations area of the VS Form 16-4 for these consignments. No other certifications/declarations may be included:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from *[insert name of company here]* verifying the accuracy of the statements below. I, the endorsing official listed below, have read the notarized affidavit referenced above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief these statements are true.

The egg shells have been **sanitized with a solution of at least 200 ppm chlorine**. The disinfected egg shells were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

II. Egg shells that have been **steam sterilized**

The following text should be added to the additional declarations area of the VS Form 16-4 for these consignments. No other certifications/declarations may be included:

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The egg shells have been **treated for at least one hour with circulating steam of 100 °C or higher**. The disinfected egg shells were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

III. Egg shells that have been **disinfected by boiling**

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statements are true.

The egg shells have been **disinfected by boiling in water for at least one hour**. The disinfected egg shells were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

- IV. Egg shells that have been **disinfected by spraying or evaporating with formaldehyde at 15 grams or more per cubic meter**

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The egg shells have been **disinfected by treatment with formaldehyde at a concentration of 15 grams or greater formalin per cubic meter in a sealed chamber for at least seven hours**. The disinfected egg shells were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

- V. Egg shells that have been **disinfected by treatment with 5 grams formaldehyde per 28 grams water solution for 7 hours**

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The egg shells have been **disinfected by soaking in a formaldehyde solution (at a concentration of five grams or greater formaldehyde per 28 grams water) for at least seven hours**. The disinfected egg shells were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

- VI. Egg shells that have been **disinfected with formalin solution (formalin:water ratio of 1:34)**

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The egg shells have been **disinfected with a formalin solution of at least 1 part formalin per 34 parts water**. The disinfected egg shells were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

VII. Egg shells that have been **fumigated with ethylene oxide**

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The egg shells have been **fumigated with an ethylene oxide gas (0.5%) solution**. The disinfected egg shells were stored in clean and sanitary wrapping and containers and handled in a way to prevent being exposed to any pathogens or any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment.

VIII. **For egg shells disinfected using methods other than those listed above:**

Exporters should have their Japanese importers email the AQS office of the port through

which the consignment will enter Japan and ask if the alternative disinfection method will be accepted. A copy of the response email from AQS, including an English translation, should be provided to the Area Office with the prepared certificate. In this case the red text above may be replaced with other chemicals/processing methods (minimum processing methods only).

For exports of blown egg shells for ornamental purposes that have not been disinfected as noted above, please go back and select “Egg shells- blown (not sanitized with chlorine) egg shells intended for ornamental purposes.”