

Table Eggs

Table eggs exported to Taiwan must be certified by both APHIS – Veterinary Services (VS) and 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).

The following are the steps to take to obtain the appropriate certifications for table eggs to Taiwan.

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

- a. Into the “Remarks” section of the LP-210S, the following items should be typed prior to AMS endorsement:

Product of the USA. Certified for Export – Taiwan. Fit for Human Consumption. Eggs originate from a layer flock located in the following County(-ies), State(s): *[insert County(-ies), State(s) where laying flocks are located]*

Processing/Packaging Facility: *[insert name and address of processing/packaging facility(-ies)]*

Eggs were processed/packaged on: *[insert date(s) of processing/packaging]*

All table eggs are transported in new packaging material and a USDA approved sanitizing agent has been applied to the egg shells.

The eggs originated from commercial laying flocks.

Shipping container sealed with Seal No. *[insert USDA or plant seal number]*

Product weight *[Total net weight of the lot]*

- b. Contact information for AMS:
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
Poultry Division – Grading Branch
P.O. Box 96456
South Agriculture Building
Washington, D.C. 20090-6456
Phone: (202) 720-4411; Fax: (202) 690-3165

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2. Once the LP-210S 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 LP-210S is page two of the final table 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 LP-210S (page two of the final table 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:

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

1. The State(s) is/are free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease, as these diseases are defined by the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)
 2. No case of H5 or H7 subtype low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) has been confirmed in poultry, as defined by the WOAH, in the County(-ies) of origin for at least 28 days before the day of shipment of the exported eggs.
- iii. 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]*
 - iv. 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]
 - 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.

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3. In cases where, due to timing, preparation of the VS Form 16-4 is necessary prior to the availability of the AMS LP-210S, exporters may supply the VS Form 16-4 to the VS Service Center, prepared with the unavailable information left blank (e.g., the AMS LP-210S certificate number, flight number, etc.). Once the AMS LP-210S and other required information is available, the exporter may transmit a copy of the AMS LP-210S 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 LP-210S to the VS Form 16-4, making it page 2 of the final table egg certificate. **Note: Page 2 is NOT on APHIS Security Paper.** APHIS will place the VS Form 16-4 certificate number centered in the upper margin of the AMS LP-210S and mark it “Page 2 of 2.” The APHIS endorsing official will then initial and seal the AMS LP-210S. A copy of the AMS LP-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 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.