



COKZ Export programme egg products US

1. General

This export programme relates to the pre-certification of egg products, for the purposes of obtaining an NVWA export certificate for egg products destined for the US. This export programme connects into the NVWA instruction DPDLH-164 USA, eggs and egg products.

2. Register

- Registration of egg products and egg product manufacturer takes place in ANEVEI / LVVN.
- LVVN reports the egg product manufacturer to the US.
- ANEVEI / LVVN report the egg product manufacturer to NVWA and COKZ
- Export certificates can only be provided to US registered egg product manufacturers.

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/importing-products/eligible-countries-products-foreign-establishments/eligible-foreign-establishments%B7>

3. Registering batches of egg products to be produced

- The egg product manufacturer agrees with the COKZ a day and time at which eggs will be broken for the production of egg products for the US and further will be processed to egg product for US. Each week the egg product manufacturer must provide a plan to the COKZ.

4. Inspection

- 4.1 Eggs intended to be used for the production of egg products must be A-quality and dry and clean that before breaking *no* contamination is achieved. If sorting is carried out by a third party, there must be a statement for a packing station under the supervision of the COKZ which indicates that the eggs were sorted into A-quality, have been marked and that the eggs are sufficiently clean and dry. This statement (original) must be available before the egg product manufacturer's breaking process begins.
- 4.2 In the event of foreign eggs
 - an official statement (original) from a veterinary authority must be available, showing that the origin of the eggs fulfils the requirements of the US (see NVWA instruction). This statement must be available before the start of the egg breaking process for the relevant batch.
 - with respect to transporting the eggs, the packing station mentioned in 4.1 must comply with a protocol agreed between the egg product manufacturer and the packing station.
- 4.3 Inspection of the establishment is executed on all relevant steps in the process on the basis of the established inspection list: *Inspection and assessment of the quality and cleanliness of every consignment of eggs*, presanitary inspection, breaking of the eggs and separating of the fluid egg product in egg yolk, whole egg and/or egg white; concentrating; desugaring (as a minimum present during start-up); filtering and cooling fluid egg product; compositing fluid egg product, addition of additives and standardisation; pasteurization fluid egg product; freezing (as a minimum present during start-up), drying; grinding and seaving; packaging and labeling; hotroom.
- 4.4 **A certain time of each shift of production of egg products destined for US the COKZ inspector will be present at the establishment from the presanitary inspection, the breaking of the eggs**

and all subsequent process steps. Exceptions are the box drying and hotroom. At these process steps the inspector is present during filling and emptying of the boxdryer, resp. the hotroom.

- 4.5 End product verification takes place when the batch is ready and a request for a COKZ pre-export certificate is done. In addition to 4.3 on the basis of the inspection list (extra) verification takes place of:
- Traceability of used and broken eggs suitable for destination in the US egg-product.
 - Realisation of pasteurisation with respect to produced batch
 - Results of microbiology check (Salmonella $n=5$, $c=0$, Enterobacteriaceae $m=10$, $M=100$, $n=5$, $c=2$.)
 - Clean and sound packaging
 - Content of veterinary statement for origin and transport in case of foreign eggs (at the offices of COKZ)

5. Measures

- If serious, multiple and/or repeated shortfalls are identified during inspection, a certificate will not be issued. In the event of repetition, with the understanding that shortfalls that are not in line with agreement are eliminated.
- In the event of shortfalls in relation to export check a pre-certificate will not be issued for NVWA for the relevant batch.

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