

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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**PASTEURIZED EGG PRODUCTS IMPORTED IN BULK CONTAINERS
FROM CANADA**

I. PURPOSE

This notice reissues the content of FSIS Notice 04-11. This notice provides instructions to Import Inspection Personnel regarding reinspection of pasteurized egg products from Canada transported in bulk containers.

II. BACKGROUND

Approved foreign establishments exporting pasteurized bulk packed egg products (tanker trucks or portable totes weighing approximately 1,000 pounds or more) to the United States must adhere to the regulatory requirements in 9 CFR 590.910. Import Inspection Personnel are to verify that all bulk packed shipments of pasteurized eggs are properly reinspected before the product is used in the production of domestic product.

III. IMPORT INSPECTION PERSONNEL REINSPECTION RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Import inspection personnel are to verify that all shipments of imported pasteurized egg products are accompanied by FSIS Form 5200-8, Import Request Egg Products, and a Canadian Certificate of Inspection for Processed Eggs. Import Inspection Personnel are to access the Regional Import Field Office (RIFO) mailbox daily to obtain reinspection assignments for shipments assigned to an official import inspection establishment that has been approved for the reinspection of bulk packed pasteurized egg products.

B. The Egg Import Shipment Notice for Reinspection Worksheets identify the producing plant, the port where importation will occur, the reinspection location (official import inspection establishment), the product destination, the estimated date of arrival, the type of product, the production codes of the product, the total number of units in each lot or tanker, the approximate net weight, and the type of reinspection to be performed. Import Inspection Personnel are to perform reinspection procedures that are limited to a document review and seal and label verification.

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C. When imported pasteurized egg products packed in totes or tankers are presented at an official import inspection establishment, Import Inspection Personnel are to verify that:

1. All the required information is on the FSIS Form 5200-8;
2. The Canadian Certificate of Inspection for Processed Eggs contains all information required by 9 CFR 590.915;
3. The seal numbers on the transport vehicle are identified on the Canadian Certificate of Inspection for Processed Eggs or on official Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) letterhead with the official Canadian seal;
4. The label on the product complies with 9 CFR 590.955;
5. The testing results for *Salmonella* are presented with the shipment and identified as negative on the Canadian Certificate of Inspection for Processed Eggs or on official CFIA letterhead for the production lot of pasteurized egg product from which the product offered for entry was produced; and
6. The product matches information identified on the Canadian Certificate of Inspection for Processed Eggs, FSIS Form 5200-8, and the Egg Import Shipment Notice for Reinspection Worksheet.

D. Import inspection personnel are to hold the shipment and contact their RIFO when any of the information above (C1 through C6) is not provided.

IV. DOCUMENTATION

A. Upon completion of reinspection, Import Inspection Personnel are to:

1. Stamp the Canadian Certificate of Inspection for Processed Eggs and the FSIS Form 5200-8 "U.S. Inspected & Passed" with the round import stamp that identifies the import establishment number;
2. Enter the requested information in Section E of the FSIS Form 5200-8; and
3. Submit documentation to OIA Headquarters as instructed on the Egg Import Shipment Notice for Reinspection Worksheet.

B. Import Inspection Personnel are to follow the procedures in FSIS Directive 9020.1 for any shipment that is refused entry.

V. DATA ANALYSIS

On a quarterly basis, the Office of International Affairs (OIA) will review and identify relevant data on imported processed egg products to determine whether trends exist in the number of shipments held for failures identified by FSIS import inspection personnel. OIA will work with the Data Analysis and Integration Group (DAIG) within the Office of Data Integration and Food Protection (ODIFP) to analyze and interpret the

results. Results from these analyses are to be shared with the Office of Policy and Program Development (OPPD) International Policy Division to determine whether the findings suggest potential improvements in procedures or instructions to import inspection personnel.

Refer questions regarding this notice to the International Policy Division through askFSIS at <http://askfsis.custhelp.com>.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Seibert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "S".

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