Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA

§ 590.945

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§ 590.940 Marking of egg products offered for importation.

Egg products which, upon inspection, are found to be acceptable for importation into the United States, and are properly labeled and bear the inspection mark of the country of origin, need no further identification.

§ 590.935 Means of conveyance and equipment used in handling egg products to be maintained in sanitary condition.

Compartments of boats, railroad cars, and other means of conveyance transporting any product to the United States, and all chutes, platforms, racks, tables, tools, utensils, and all other devices used in moving and handling such product offered for importation, shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.

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§ 590.950 Labeling of containers of eggs or egg products for importation.

(a) Immediate containers of product offered for importation shall bear a label, printed in English, showing:

(1) The name of the product;
(2) The name of the country of origin of the product, and for consumer packaged products, preceded by the words “Product of,” which statement shall appear immediately under the name of the product;
(3) [Reserved]
(4) For shell eggs, the words “Keep Refrigerated,” or words of similar meaning;
(5) For egg products, the word “Ingredients” followed by a list of the ingredients in order of descending proportions by weight;
(6) The name and place of business of manufacturer, packer, or distributor, qualified by a phrase which reveals the connection that such person has with the product;
(7) An accurate statement of the quantity;
(8) For egg products, the inspection mark of the country of origin; and
(9) The date of production and plant number of the plant at which the egg product was processed and/or packed.

§ 590.955 Labeling of shipping containers of eggs or egg products for importation.

(a) Shipping containers of foreign product which are shipped to the United States shall bear in a prominent and legible manner:

(1) The common or usual name of the product;
(2) The name of the country of origin;
(3) The number of the plant in which the egg product was processed and/or packed;
(4) The inspection mark of the country of origin;
(5) [Reserved]
(6) For shell eggs, the words “Keep Refrigerated,” or words of similar meaning.

(b) Labeling on shipping containers examined at the time of inspection in the United States, if found to be false or misleading, shall be cause for the product to be refused entry.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) In the case of products which are not in compliance solely because of misbranding, such products may be brought into compliance with the regulations only under the supervision of an authorized representative of the Administrator.

§ 590.956 Relabeling of imported egg products.

(a) Egg products eligible for importation may be relabeled with an approved label under the supervision of an inspector at an official egg products plant or other location. The new label for such product shall indicate the country of origin except for products not be labeled, provided that the shipment is segregated and controlled upon arrival at the destination breaking plant.

(c) The labels shall not be false or misleading in any respect.