

**Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA**

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with customs or consular seals in accordance with the customs regulations. Such special seals shall be affixed by an inspector or, if there is no inspector at such port, by a customs officer. In lieu of sealing packages, the carrier or importer may furnish and attach to each package of product a warning notice on bright yellow paper, not less than 5x8 inches in size, containing the following legend in black type of a conspicuous size:

(Name of Truck Line or Carrier)

**NOTICE**

This package of \_\_\_\_\_ must be delivered intact to an inspector of the Poultry Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**WARNING**

Failure to comply with these instructions will result in penalty action being taken against the holder of the customs entry bond.

If the product is found to be acceptable upon inspection, the product may be released to the consignee, or his agent, and this warning notice defaced.

(d) No person shall affix, break, alter, deface, mutilate, remove, or destroy any special import seal of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, except customs officers or inspectors, or as provided in paragraph (f) of this section.

(e) No product shall be removed from any means of conveyance or package sealed with a special import seal of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, except under the supervision of an inspector or a customs officer, or as provided in paragraph (f) of this section.

(f) In case of a wreck or similar extraordinary emergency, the special import seal of the U.S. Department of Agriculture on a car, truck, or other means of conveyance may be broken by the carrier and, if necessary, the articles may be reloaded into another means of conveyance for transportation to destination. In all such cases, the carrier shall immediately report the facts by telegraph to the Chief of the Grading Branch.

(g) The consignee or his agent shall provide such facilities and assistance as the inspector may require for the in-

spection and handling and marking of products offered for importation.

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**§ 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.

**§ 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.

[40 FR 20060, May 8, 1975. Redesignated at 42 FR 32514, June 27, 1977, and further redesignated at 46 FR 63203, Dec. 31, 1981, as amended at 60 FR 49171, Sept. 21, 1995]

**§ 590.945 Foreign egg products offered for importation; reporting of findings to customs; handling of products refused entry.**

(a) Inspectors shall report their findings to the collector of customs at the port where products are offered for entry, and shall request the collector to refuse entry to egg products which are marked or designated "U.S. Refused Entry" or otherwise are not in compliance with the regulations in this part. Unless such products are exported by the consignee within a time specified by the collector of customs (usually 30 days), the consignee shall cause the destruction of such products for human food purposes under the supervision of an inspector. If products are destroyed for human food purposes under the supervision of an inspector, he shall give prompt notice thereof to the District Director of Customs.

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(b) Consignees shall, at their own expense, return immediately to the collector of customs, in means of conveyance or packages sealed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, any egg products received by them under this part which in any respect do not comply with this part.

(c) Except as provided in § 590.930(a), no person shall remove or cause to be removed from any place designated as the place of inspection, any egg products which the regulations require to be marked in any way, unless the same has been clearly and legibly marked in compliance with this part.

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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 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.

(b) For properly sealed and certified shipments of shell eggs imported for breaking at an official egg products plant, the immediate containers need

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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.

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**§ 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 plant 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.

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**§ 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