

EGGS (LABELLING REQUIREMENTS)

SCOPE

Eggs in small quantities

LATVIAN REGULATIONS

Cabinet Regulation No.235, adopted May 3, 2017 "Requirements for the supply of eggs in small quantities"

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Direct delivery of eggs is permitted to an egg producer who is registered in the register of primary production enterprises of food products of animal origin established in the database of the Rural Support Service and has received a permit.

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MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS

The rules set out the procedure by which a producer delivers small quantities of eggs directly to the final consumer or to a local retail establishment (such as a shop or catering establishment) which delivers such eggs to the final consumer.

A small amount of eggs are:

- eggs from laying hens, guinea fowls, quails, turkeys, geese, ducks, pigeons, pheasants, partridges and other poultry, provided that it does not contain more than 350 laying hens or 1000 other species of laying birds (excluding ostriches) and does not contain any more than 1000 laying birds;
- no more than 250 ostrich eggs sold per year.

Eggs shall be obtained from laying birds which are clinically healthy and examined in accordance with the laws and regulations on the control and eradication of salmonellosis and other food-borne infectious diseases in poultry flocks intended for small-scale food production and direct supply to the final consumer.

The manufacturer shall provide:

- collection of eggs laid (daily);
- inventory of eggs collected (daily);
- inventory of sold eggs;
- storage of information on the number of eggs collected and sold for three years after the sale of eggs.

During the production, storage, transportation and sale of eggs, the following shall be ensured:

- their protection against impact and pollution;
- protection from direct sunlight;
- storing eggs in a clean and dry room.

The eggs to be marketed are clean, dry, with undamaged shells.

The eggs are sold to the final consumer within 21 days of laying. The eggs expire 28 days after laying.

Eggs from a flock of birds of the species Gallus Gallus with more than 50 laying birds may be delivered directly to the final consumer if they are marked. The labeling of eggs shall include the following information:

- a number indicating the type of laying hen (organic production - "0"; free range - "1"; shed - "2"; caging - "3").
- Latvian code (LV);
- The registration number of the holding in the data center.