USDA EXPORT VERIFICATION (EV) PROGRAM FOR EGG PRODUCTS FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements which are in addition to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulatory requirements for exporting egg products to the European Union (EU).

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. egg products facilities that are eligible for export to the EU as listed on the European Union official website - Establishment Lists TRACES NT (europa.eu).. Facilities that produce egg products that meet the specified product requirements, in addition to the USDA FSIS regulatory requirements, must produce the eligible products under an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program. The requirements for the QSA Program are defined in QAD 1002 Procedure: *USDA Quality System Assessment Program*. The QSA Program ensures that the specified product requirements are supported by a documented quality management system.

3 Reference Documents

QAD 1000 Procedure: *Quality Systems Verification Programs, General Policies and Procedures*

QAD 1002 Procedure: *USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*

USDA AMS: Egg Products for the EU Program website

USDA FSIS: Export Library - Requirements by country website

4 Additions to QSA Program Requirements

The specified product requirements listed in Section 5 and Section 6 of this procedure must be met through an approved QSA Program. The QSA Program ensures that the specified product requirements are supported by a documented quality management system. In addition to the requirements listed in QAD 1002 Procedure, Section 7, *Program Requirements*, companies must also incorporate the following requirements into their QSA Program:

4.1 Company's Suppliers Listing

4.1.1 The company must maintain an approved supplier listing.

4.1.2 The approved supplier listing must:

a) Identify the supplier's name, address, and approval date; and

b) Be available to the USDA for review.

4.1.3 The company must also maintain the date that suppliers were removed from the supplier listing.

4.2 Record Retention

4.2.1 Production records must be maintained for a minimum of three years.

5 Specified Product Requirements for Live Animals

5.1 Animals must not be administered antimicrobial medicinal products for growth promotion and/or yield increase during their lifetime, including but not limited to bacitracin and bambermycin..

5.2 Animals must not be administered antimicrobials reserved for the treatment of certain infections in humans, as laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1255, during their lifetime. See Appendix 1.

5.3 The company must maintain sufficient records of antimicrobials used, under the discretion of the veterinarian, for purposes other than growth promotion and/or yield increase.

5.4 Eggs must be obtained from, and must be traceable to, approved companies that appear on the *Official Listing of Approved Sources of Eggs to be Processed for the European Union.*

5.5 The company must provide evidence of regular veterinary visits to the farm or ranch. The frequency of these visits should at minimum be annually.

5.6 Identification of conforming product during shipment and delivery must be documented on the shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee). The shipping documentation must:

5.6.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and

5.6.2 Contain the following applicable statement:

"Product Meets EV Program Requirements for EU"

6 Listing of Approved Programs

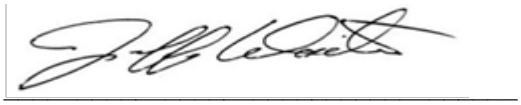
6.1 U.S. companies who produce live animals that meet the specified product requirements for the European Union are listed on the *Official Listing of Approved Egg Products Suppliers for the European Union.* The Official Listing is available on the Egg Products for the EU Program website.

7 Audit Frequency

Companies shall be audited semi-annually in accordance with the audit frequency outlined in QAD 1002 Procedure.

8 Responsibilities

U.S. companies must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this procedure, QAD 1000 Procedure: *Quality Systems Verification Programs, General Policies and Procedures* and QAD 1002 Procedure: *Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*.



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Appendix 1

Antimicrobials or groups of antimicrobials reserved for treatment of certain infections in humans per Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1255 of 19 July 2022

(1) Antibiotics

(a) Carboxypenicillins

(b) Ureidopenicillins

(c) Ceftobiprole

(d) Ceftaroline

(e) Combinations of cephalosporins with beta-lactamase inhibitors

(f) Siderophore cephalosporins

(g) Carbapenems

(h) Penems

(i) Monobactams

(j) Phosphonic acid derivates

(k) Glycopeptides

(l) Lipopeptides

(m) Oxazolidinones

(n) Fidaxomicin

(o) Plazomicin

(p) Glycylcyclines

(q) Eravacycline

(r) Omadacycline

(2) Antivirals

(a) Amantadine

(b) Baloxavir marboxil

(c) Celgosivir

(d) Favipiravir

(e) Galidesivir

(f) Lactimidomycin

(g) Laninamivir

(h) Methisazone/metisazone

(i) Molnupiravir

(j) Nitazoxanide

(k) Oseltamivir

(l) Peramivir

(m) Ribavirin

(n) Rimantadine

(o) Tizoxanide

(p) Triazavirin

(q) Umifenovir

(r) Zanamivir

(3) Antiprotozoals

(a) Nitazoxanide