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# CONDITIONS FOR THE EXPORT OF EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

**National Food Safety Agency  
of the Republic of Moldova**





## STEPS FOR THE APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENTS PRODUCING HUMAN CONSUMPTION EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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**The food business operator (FBO)** submits to the territorial subdivision (STSA) of the **National Food Safety Agency (ANSA)** a request to become an approved establishment for export to the EU. [https://www.legis.md/cautare/get-Results?doc\\_id=131745&lang=ro](https://www.legis.md/cautare/get-Results?doc_id=131745&lang=ro)

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**STSA** carries out an inspection (I inspection) on the compliance of the establishment with the national legislation and enters the results of inspection into the **State Control Register**.

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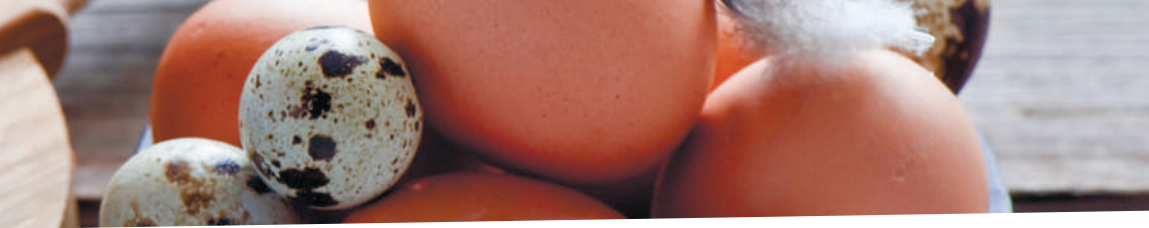
**ANSA**, at the central level, analyses data, organises an additional inspection (II inspection) to verify the compliance with the national and EU requirements for the approval of the final decision.

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If the establishment complies with the national and EU requirements, **ANSA** shall submit a written request to the **Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission** to export eggs and egg products to the EU.

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If the guarantees given by **ANSA** are deemed to be sufficient, the **Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission** will list the eligible establishments which are available at: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/directory/publication/establishment/index#!/search?sort=country.translation>



## 1. GENERAL RULES FOR LAYING HENS REARING FARMS

### I. Laying hens holdings should:

1. be approved by ANSA
2. implement good farming practice  
<http://www.animaltransportguides.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/RO-Guides-Poultry-rev2021.pdf>;  
<https://www.ansa.gov.md/uploads/files/Informatii%20publice/2021/DCMVHPA/ghid%20de%20bune%20practici%20si%20de%20igienda%20de%20producere%20a%20furajelor%20.pdf>
3. have in place monitoring plans for infectious diseases according to the National Animal Diseases Control Program (Salmonella, Avian influenza, Newcastle disease, etc.)
4. implement animal welfare requirements (temperature, lighting, humidity, ventilation, enriched cages)
5. have in place a waste and animal by-products management system
6. comply with biosecurity, sanitation, disinfection and pest control requirements
7. ensure traceability
8. use approved means of transport from farm to slaughterhouse according to the national legislation





## II. Rules for feed and veterinary medicinal products:

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1. use only the feed provided by feed business operators registered/approved by ANSA
2. handle and use labelled feed in accordance with the national legislation
3. use only veterinary medicinal products registered in the State Register of Veterinary Medicinal Products (<http://registru.ansa.gov.md/>)
4. store and use veterinary medicinal products only in accordance with their package leaflet, the specific dosage, and the respected withdrawal period
5. use only feed additives included in the EU Register of feed additives [https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/animal-feed/feed-additives/eu-register\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/animal-feed/feed-additives/eu-register_en)
6. keep records (Register of Purchased Feed, Register of Used Veterinary Medicinal Products)
7. if the establishment produces feed, to have in place a self-control program for feed safety and traceability (Guide of good production practices and hygiene for the feed industry)





## 2. GENERAL RULES FOR EGG PACKING CENTRES

**The establishment wishing to export eggs and egg products to the EU should:**

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1. be approved by ANSA
2. implement prerequisite requirements (building, premises, equipment, suppliers of raw materials, control programs of cleaning, water, pest, personnel, etc.)
3. establish and implement procedures based on HACCP / ISO 22000 (Guide on the implementation of HACCP procedures and the use of feed additives in poultry farms)
4. carry out a self-control program in accordance with the national legislation and EU requirements
5. ensure product traceability throughout the production chain
6. ensure appropriate labelling
7. organise training of the staff on hygiene requirements
8. ensure the management of food waste and animal by-products according to the national legislation
9. ensure the control of temperature in the products and storage facilities
10. ensure the implementation of quality marketing standards for eggs in accordance with the national legislation



### 3. SELF-CONTROL PROGRAM (EXAMPLE):

**FBOs are responsible for ensuring the safety of food products placed on the market (Law 306/2018).**

The frequency of sampling is not established, the egg packing centre should determine it according to the laboratory control program in the HACCP.

Type of sample	Laboratory tests	Number of samples	Frequency
Egg	Salmonella spp. <hr/> Other indicators according to HACCP plan	5	Once a quarter <hr/> According to HACCP plan
Environmental swabs (Swabs from the contact surfaces, etc.)	Salmonella Number of coliform bacteria	10 (Depending on the premises areas)	Once a quarter and in case of satisfactory results during a year, the frequency can be reduced to once every half year

***Salmonella spp.* not detected in 25 g. of tested egg sample**

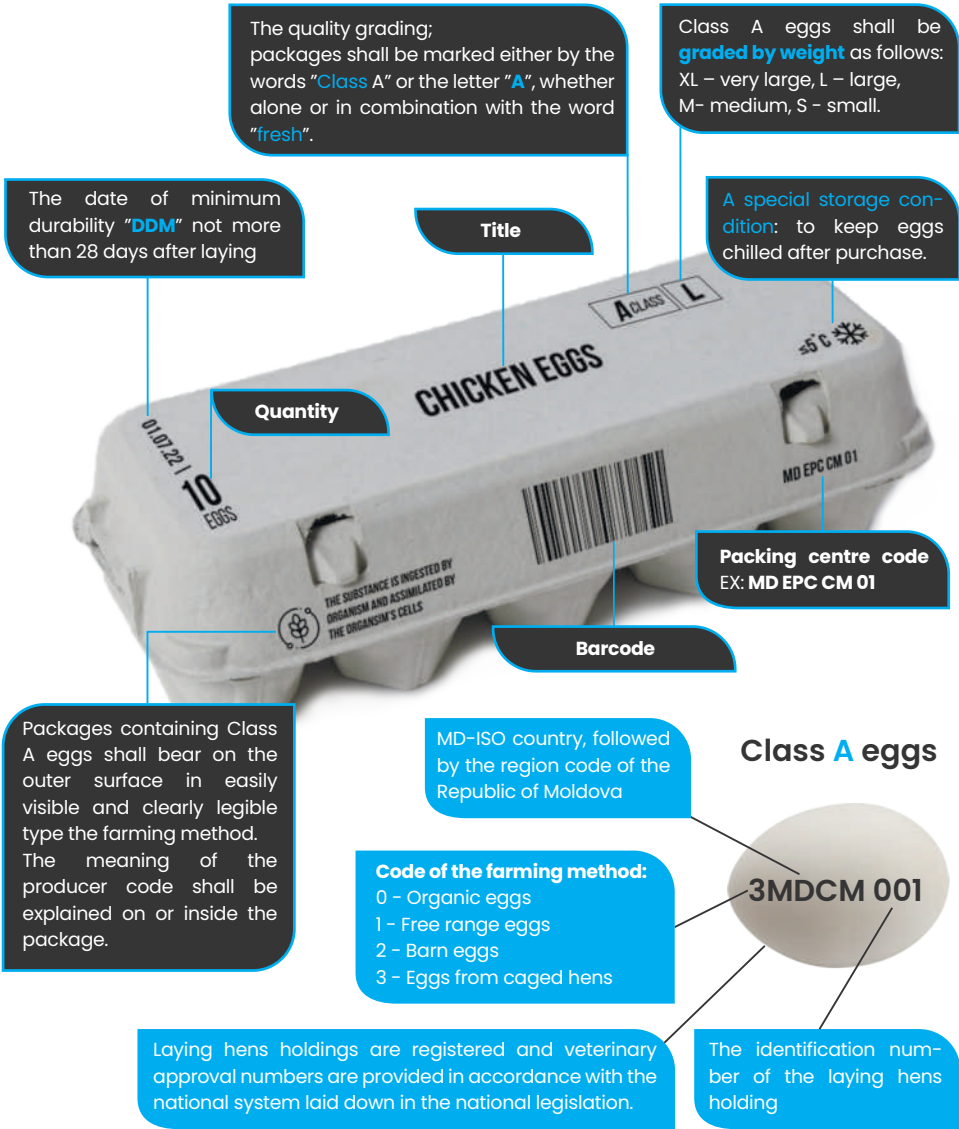


**PI "Republican Centre for Veterinary Diagnosis"** is the accredited **National Reference Laboratory** for microbiological, quality indicators, residues of veterinary medicinal products and contaminants control.





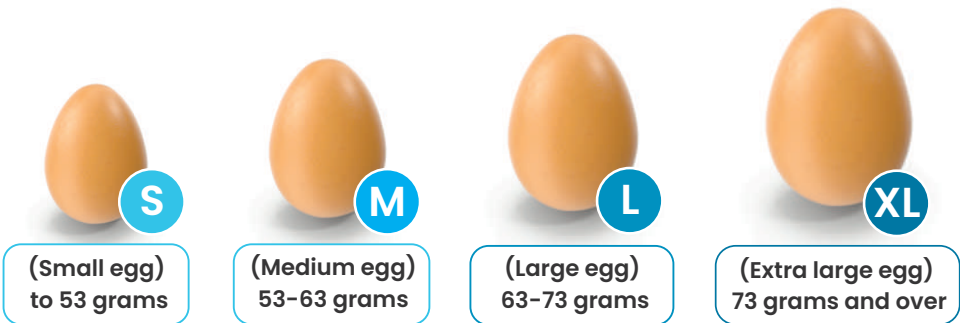
## 4. LABELLING REQUIREMENTS



## 5. MARKETING STANDARDS OF EGGS

Eggs and egg products intended for export to the EU should comply with the **Marketing standards for eggs based on the requirements of Government Decision 1208/2008**.

Class A eggs shall be graded by weight as follows:



**Derogation:** Class A eggs of different sizes could be packed together in the same package, if the minimum net weight of the eggs is given in grams and the indication **"Eggs of different sizes"** or equivalent to it is on the outer surface of the package.





## Quality Standards of Class A eggs:

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- **shell and cuticle:** normal shape, clean and undamaged
- **air space:** height not exceeding 6 mm, stationary; however, for eggs to be marketed as "extra", it may not exceed 4 mm
- **yolk:** visible on candling as a shadow only, without clearly discernible outline, slightly mobile upon turning the egg, and returning to a central position
- **white:** clear, translucent
- **germ:** imperceptible development
- **foreign matter:** not permissible
- **foreign smell:** not permissible



Class B shall be eggs which do not meet the quality characteristics of Class A. Indications on Class B eggs shall be a circle at least 12 mm in diameter around the letter "B" at least 5 mm high, or an easily visible colour spot of at least 5 mm in diameter.

**Class B eggs shall only be delivered to the food and non-food industry.  
Class A eggs shall only be delivered to the market for final consumers.**

## 6. CERTIFICATION



Application for export certification



Food Business Operator approved for export to the EU



Territorial Subdivisions for Food Safety

Delegated certifying officer of STSA



- Documents proving the origin and traceability of the consignment
- Reports on laboratory tests according to the self-control plan
- Other relevant documents, etc.



Documentary check

- Organoleptic analysis
- Sanitary-veterinary authorisation of transport means
- Transportation, storage temperature
- Hygiene
- Labelling / identification

Identity (*physical*) check



Sampling (*if needed*)



Certification decision / filling out and issuance of a national certificate



Issuance of the certificate in the TRACES system



## 7. OFFICIAL CONTROL

I

### Approval

*Legal basis*

ANSA approves the establishments that produce / process food of animal origin in accordance with Law 221/2007, Law 296/2017, and Government Decision 435/2010.



II

### Farm activity

*Legal basis*

**Farms operate in accordance with:**

- Law 221/2007
- Law 119/2018
- Law 129/2019
- Government Decision 415/2009
- Government Decision 1275/2008
- Government Decision 398/2012
- Government Decision 939/2008
- Government Decision 344/2020

**Feed**

- Government Decision 910/2020
- Government Decision 27/2020
- Government Decision 311/2012

III

### FBO activity

*Legal basis*

**FBO activity is carried out in accordance with:**

- Law 306/2018
- Law 296/2017
- Law 279/2017
- Government Decision 435/2010
- Government Decision 1208/2008
- Government Decision 221/2009
- Government Decision 942/2008
- etc.



IV

### Official control by ANSA

*Legal basis*

The official control is carried out in accordance with:

- Laws 50/2013 and 131/2012
- regularly, with adequate frequency, and is risk based
- at all stages of the food chain
- ANSA developed and implemented the National Residue Monitoring Plan for live animals and products of animal origin
- etc.



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