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Taiwan FDA Will Require Health Certificates for Eggs and Gelatins

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Report Highlights:

Starting August 1, 2019, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) will require health certificates for eggs and egg products, and gelatin and its derivatives intended for food use. U.S. exporters are advised to plan and obtain the required certificates for shipments departing from the United States on or after August 1, 2019.

General Information:**Certificates for Eggs and Egg Products for Food Use**

On May 20, 2019, TFDA announced that they will require a certificate for eggs and egg products for food use effective August 1, 2019. The certificates must be issued by the competent authorities in exporting countries, and carry an attestation that the eggs and egg products are suitable for human consumption and in compliance with relevant food safety and sanitary regulations.

This requirement will apply to the eggs and egg products covered under harmonized system (HS) codes 0407, 0408, 350211 and 350219, please refer to Table 1 for the product description of each HS code, and the corresponding certificate. The existing certification requirement for these products remains unchanged, as described in the Taiwan Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Export Certificate Report. U.S. exporters will need to plan and obtain additional certificates as described in Table 1 for shipments departing from the United States on or after August 1, 2019.

To facilitate the shipment clearance in Taiwan, it is highly recommended that U.S. exporters work with their Taiwan importer to assure that the appropriate certificates are obtained and have complete information meeting TFDA's requirements.

The TFDA announcement can be found in: <https://www.fda.gov.tw/TC/siteContent.aspx?sid=10826>.

The instruction for applying Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) Form 9060-5EP can be found in: https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/requirements-for-processed-egg-products/taiwan-egg_products

The instruction for applying Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) LPS-210S can be found in: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/publications/content/qad-shell-egg-exports>

The instruction for applying AMS LPS-234 can be found in: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/further-processed-egg-products-verification-program>

Table 1. Certificate required by TFDA effective August 1, 2019

HS Code	Product Description	Certificate required by TFDA
0408.11.00.00-5	Egg yolks powder	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
0408.19.10.00-5	Egg yolks, frozen	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
0408.19.90.00-8	Other similar articles	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
0408.91.10.00-6	Whole egg powder	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
0408.91.90.00-9	Other birds' eggs, not in shell, dried	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
0408.99.10.00-8	Whole eggs, frozen	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
HS Code	Product Description	Certificate required by TFDA
3502.11.10.00-2	Egg white powder, dried	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
3502.11.20.00-0	Other similar articles of egg white, dried	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
3502.11.90.00-5	Other egg albumins, dried	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
3502.19.10.00-4	Egg white, frozen	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
3502.19.20.00-2	Other similar articles of egg white	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
3502.19.90.00-7	Other egg albumins	FSIS Form 9060-5EP
0407.21.00.00-4	Eggs of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , in shell, fresh	AMS LPS-210S
0407.90.00.00-0	Birds' eggs, in shell, preserved or cooked	AMS LPS-234
0408.99.90.00-1	Other similar articles	AMS LPS-234

Note:

1. For egg products certified by FSIS, the certificate can be issued for chicken, turkey, duck, geese, and guinea egg products.
2. For egg products certified by AMS, the certificate can be issued for chicken products.
3. For HS codes 0407.21.00.00-4, 0407.90.00.00-0 and 0408.99.90.00-1, currently Taiwan's Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) is already requiring AMS LPS-210S or AMS LPS-234. After August 1, 2019, the egg shipment will need to provide two original certificates of AMS LPS-210S, or one original certificate and one embossed copy of AMS LPS-234, for BAPHIQ and TFDA's inspection.

Certificates for Gelatin and its Derivatives for Food Use

On May 23, 2019, TFDA announced that they will require a certificate for gelatin and its derivatives for food use effective August 1, 2019. The certificates must be issued by the competent authorities in exporting countries, and carry an attestation that gelatin and its derivatives for food use are suitable for human consumption and in compliance with relevant food safety and sanitary regulations. In addition, the certificates should include information on the parts or tissues of the raw materials used, for example bovine skin.

This requirement will apply to gelatin and its derivatives covered under HS Codes 3503.00.10.00-4, 3503.00.20.00-2 and 3503.00.90.90-8. U.S. exporters will need to plan and obtain a health certificate issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for shipments departing from the United States on or after August 1, 2019.

To facilitate the shipment clearance in Taiwan, it is highly recommended that U.S. exporters work with

their Taiwan importer to assure that the appropriate certificates are obtained and have complete information meeting TFDA's requirements.

The TFDA announcement can be found in: <https://www.fda.gov.tw/TC/siteContent.aspx?sid=10827>

A template of U.S. FDA's health certificate can be found in:
<https://www.fda.gov.tw/tc/includes/GetFile.ashx?id=f636939606445759886>

The instruction for applying for the U.S. FDA's health certificate for collagen and gelatin products intended for export can be found in:
<https://www.fda.gov/food/exporting-food-products-united-states/food-export-certificates>