

SPS Permit Guidance

Movement of Washed and Sanitized Shell Eggs to Premises with Poultry (Directly to Market)

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR MOVEMENT: Completed; USDA reviewed October 2009

*Washed and sanitized (in a 100-200 ppm chlorine solution) shell eggs originating from egg farms in an HPAI Control Area moving to a premises with poultry represent a **low risk**, provided that the permit guidance below has been met. Washed and sanitized shell eggs moving to a premises with poultry may move within or out of the Control Area by permit.*

PERMIT GUIDANCE:

1. Washed and sanitized shell eggs are moving from a premises that meets the criteria for a Monitored Premises designation and has a national premises identification number.
2. Truck & driver biosecurity is implemented.
3. Product-specific biosecurity is implemented.
4. Two RRT-PCR results are negative for HPAI (5-bird or 11-bird pool samples per 50 dead birds from each house on the premises) and a 2 day hold.

1. Washed and sanitized shell eggs are moving from a premises that meets the criteria for a Monitored Premises designation and has a national premises identification number.

- A Monitored Premises (MP) objectively demonstrates that it is not an Infected Premises, Contact Premises, or Suspect Premises. Only At-Risk Premises are eligible to become Monitored Premises. Monitored Premises meet a set of defined criteria in seeking to move susceptible animals or products out of the Control Area by permit. For the Secure Poultry Supply Plans, the following criteria must be met:
 - Pre-movement RRT-PCR testing is negative,
 - Epidemiological questionnaire is completed,
 - No unexplained mortality, no unexplained clinical signs, and no unexplained changes in production parameters, and
 - Biosecurity measures are acceptable to state and federal authorities.
- For permitted movement through EMRS, an accurate national premises identification number (i.e., 7 character alphanumeric code as described in 9 CFR § 71.1, not the state ID) or other acceptable ID system for movement is required.

2. Truck & driver biosecurity is implemented.

- The risks of spreading virus to and from the premises associated with the truck (including possible transportation of insects) must be managed in accordance with specific industry and commodity recommendations.
 - The cargo interior and exterior of the transport vehicle must be cleaned and disinfected.
 - The tires and wheel wells must also be cleaned and disinfected before leaving the premises within the Control Area.

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- The risks of spreading virus to and from the premises associated with the driver must be managed in accordance with specific industry and commodity recommendations.
 - The driver should remain inside the cab of the vehicle.
 - If the driver gets out of the vehicle, the cab interior must be cleaned and disinfected, and the driver must wear protective clothing, such as disposable boots and gloves, and remove them before getting back in the cab.

3. Product-specific biosecurity is implemented.

- The transport vehicle shall be sealed by farm or company personnel under the authorization of the IC.
- Egg-handling materials used in the transport of eggs to breaking or further processing plants must be either (1) destroyed at the final destination or (2) cleaned and sanitized (following accepted procedures) and returned to the premises of origin without contacting materials going to other premises.

4. Two RRT-PCR results are negative for HPAI (5-bird or 11-bird pool samples per 50 dead birds from each house on the premises) and a 2 day hold.

- Daily surveillance consists of one RRT-PCR test for each pooled sample of 5 dead or euthanized sick chickens or 11 dead or euthanized sick chickens per 50 dead chickens from each house on the premises. A minimum of 5 dead chickens or 11 dead chickens from daily mortality or from euthanized sick birds from each house (flock) must be tested each day. To move off premises a permit for washed and sanitized shell eggs (not to table egg market) can be issued daily for eggs collected on that day or prior, as long as RRT-PCR results from that same day remain negative. **To move into market channels for human consumption, two negative RRT-PCR tests AND a 2-day hold is required, where at least one RRTPCR result is from a pooled sample taken on the second day of holding or later.**