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- In 2014 and 2015, there were outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (AI) in Europe, the American continents and different parts of Asia. Such outbreaks are expected to occur from time to time.
- With an aim to better protect Hong Kong from the threat of AI, the Government has amended the Imported Game, Meat and Poultry Regulations, Cap. 132AK to strengthen the control of the imported eggs.





Legal Requirement for Import of Eggs

- > Imported Game, Meat, Poultry and Eggs Regulations, Cap. 132AK come into operation on 5 December 2015.
- > produce a health certificate issued by an issuing entity from the place of origin recognized by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene to certify that the eggs are fit for human consumption.
- by obtain a permission in writing from a health officer of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.







Application for Permission in writing for Import of Eggs

- > The import of eggs requires permission in writing under the Regulations.
- Egg means an egg of a bird belonging to a type of bird sold or offered for sale for human consumption or any edible part of such an egg



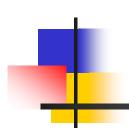




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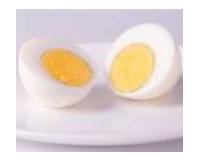
- > whether such an egg or edible part—
- is shelled or unshelled;
- is raw or partially cooked;
- is salted, preserved or otherwise processed;
- is in frozen, liquid or dried form; or
- contains any functional ingredient; but
- excludes such an egg or edible part that —
- is fully cooked; or
- constitutes one of the ingredients of any compounded food.





Excluded by the Regulations

- fully cooked egg; or
- > Eggs that constitute one of the ingredients of any compounded food (e.g. mooncake)















Application Procedure

- > Importers of eggs can download the application form FEHB 270 or use e-FORM 270 or website from the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the FEHD to apply for the permission in writing.
- > In making an application for approval, importers should provide the following information:
 - (a) the type and quantity of the eggs to be imported;
 - (b) the expected date of arrival of the eggs in Hong Kong;
 - (c) the means of transport used for the import of eggs;
 - (d) if the eggs are containerized, the container number;
 - (e) any other information to enable to trace the eggs imported.







Application Procedure

- > The completed application form can be sent to the Food Import and Export Section of the CFS by post (43/F, Queensway Government Offices) or by fax (2521 4784).
- > Upon receiving acceptable documents, the CFS will approve the application and issue the permission in writing within 5 working days.
- > The permission in writing will be posted to the applicant or be collected at the Food Import and Export Section of the CFS.
- > No fee will be charged for application of permission for import of eggs.







Validity of Permission in writing

- The permission in writing is valid for six months from the date of issue.
- Application for Import Licence for import of eggs is not required.
- During the validity period, the permission in writing can be used for more than one shipment provided the quantity of eggs not exceeding the declared amount.







Enquiries

For enquiries, please call our Clerical Officer (Food Surveillance and Control) at 2867 5577.







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