

- Imported eggs enter Hong Kong through FEHD food import checkpoints may be subject to inspection or sampling for examination by health inspectors. If the result of inspection is satisfactory, FEHD will release the consignment.



- Import via land: shall enter through the checkpoint at Man Kam To;
- Import via air: shall enter through the checkpoint at the Hong Kong International Airport;



Import via sea: Importers shall report in writing with the relevant documents to FEHD at least 2 working days before arrival of the consignment. If situation warrants, FEHD may require importers to store the eggs in an appropriate place or deliver the eggs to the Food Control Checkpoint of Kwai Chung Customhouse for inspection or sampling for examination.



Performance Pledge

- FEHD pledges to process application for permission in writing for import of eggs within 5 working days.

Enquiries

- For enquiries, please contact the Food Import and Export Section of CFS at 2867 5577.

Guide to Import of Eggs (For Trade)



**Imported Game, Meat, Poultry and
Eggs Regulations (Cap.132AK) :**
Control on imported eggs into Hong Kong
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and imprisonment for 6 months**

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Statutory Requirements for Import of Eggs

- The Imported Game, Meat, Poultry and Eggs Regulations, Chapter 132AK, (the Regulations) impose control on import of eggs with effect from 5 December 2015. Under the Regulations, no person shall import eggs —
 - (i) without a health certificate;
 - (ii) where they have been transhipped, without a transshipment certificate;
 - (iii) without having obtained a permission in writing of a health officer; or
 - (iv) without having complied with such conditions as a health officer may impose.
- "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 —
 - (a) whether such an egg or edible part —
 - (i) is shelled or unshelled;
 - (ii) is raw or partially cooked;
 - (iii) is salted, preserved or otherwise processed;
 - (iv) is in frozen, liquid or dried form; or
 - (v) contains any functional ingredient; but
 - (b) excludes such an egg or edible part that —
 - (i) is fully cooked; or
 - (ii) constitutes one of the ingredients of any compounded food.
- An offender shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of HK\$50,000 and imprisonment for 6 months.

Application for Permission in Writing for Import of Eggs

- The import of eggs requires pre-arrival permission in writing of a health officer of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).
- Importers of eggs should register with the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene as food importers under the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612).

- Importers of eggs can download the application form FEHB 270 from or use e-FORM 270 on FEHD or the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) websites to apply for the permission in writing. In making the application, importers should provide the health officer with the following pre-arrival 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; and
 - (e) any other information the officer considers essential to enable the officer to trace the eggs imported.
- The completed application form can be sent to the Food Import and Export Section of CFS by post (Address: 43/F, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong) or by fax (Fax No.: 2521 4784).
- Upon approval of the application, the permission in writing will be posted to the applicant or be collected by the applicant at the aforesaid address.
- The application is free of charge.

Validity of Permission in Writing

- The permission in writing will be valid for 6 months from the date of issue. During the validity period, the permission in writing can be used for more than one shipment provided the total quantity of eggs imported does not exceed the approved quantity. An Import Licence is not required for import of eggs.

Arrival of Consignment

- Under Regulation 4(3) of the Regulations, health officer may —
 - (a) require the importer importing eggs to submit those eggs for inspection by a health inspector on arrival; and
 - (b) impose such conditions or issue such directions with regard to the imported eggs as he may consider desirable for the purpose of ensuring that it is sound, wholesome or fit for human consumption.