

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION 85.09**EXPORT OF EGGS RULES***

6th October, 1967

LEGAL NOTICE 61 of 1967, as amended by Legal Notice 408 of 2007.

- 1.** The title of these Rules is Export of Eggs Rules. Title.
- 2.** (1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires - Interpretation.
"Board" means the Board of Reference constituted under rule 10 of these Rules;
"Department" means the Department of Agriculture;
"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Agriculture;
"Ordinance" means the Agricultural Produce (Export) Ordinance.
(2) Words not otherwise defined in these Rules shall have the same meaning as is assigned to them in the Ordinance.
- 3.** Any person who intends to export eggs to any country shall, not later than twenty-four hours before the proposed time of export, give to the Director a written notice in the form set out in the First Schedule: Notice to Director.
Provided that -
(a) the Director may, at his discretion, accept such shorter notice as he may deem reasonable, and
(b) the exporter may present for inspection and eventual exportation a smaller quantity than that shown in the notice.
- 4.** (1) Eggs in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with the provisions of rule 3 shall be presented for inspection by an inspector at the Agricultural Produce Inspection Shed at Marsa or at such other place as the Director may specify. Eggs to be presented for inspection.
(2) The Director may also specify the time at which any such eggs are to be presented for inspection.
- 5.** (1) Eggs intended for export and presented for inspection shall be packed in standard containers of a capacity of 30 dozen eggs. Containers.
(2) All the eggs in any such container shall be of the same grade.
- 6.** (1) On each container there shall be printed in clearly legible letters - Marking of containers.
(a) the words "PRODUCE OF MALTA";
(b) the name of the exporter; and
(c) the grade of the eggs in accordance with the Second

*These Rules have been repealed by Act XXXIV of 2023.

Schedule.

(2) The letters of the words specified in paragraph (a) of sub-rule (1) of this rule shall be printed in not less than five centimetres in height.

Condition of eggs.

7. Eggs presented for inspection prior to export shall be in accordance with one of the grades specified in the Second Schedule, and shall be clean, fresh and free from any cracks, blood or meat spots, and shall be marked by the relative grade number indicated in the said Schedule.

Approval of
consignment.

8. When an inspector has satisfied himself that a consignment of eggs conforms in all respects to the provisions of these Rules, he shall mark each container thereof with the words "PASSED FOR EXPORT" and shall provide the exporter with a certificate in the form set out in the Third Schedule.

Consignment not
passed for export.

9. If an inspector is not satisfied that a consignment of eggs, or any part thereof, conforms in all respects to these Rules, he shall not place any mark on any of the containers not approved by him but shall provide the exporter with a notice in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule, and the exporter shall, if the inspection was carried out on premises occupied by the Government, remove forthwith any such containers therefrom unless he gives the inspector notice of reference to the Board.

Board of
Reference.

10. (1) The Board of Reference, referred to in article 18 of the Ordinance, shall be composed of the Director, or an officer of the Department acting on behalf of the Director, as Chairman and two other members selected from a panel of ten persons engaged in the agricultural produce export trade.

(2) Such panel shall be appointed yearly by the Minister.

(3) The two members of the Board, other than the Chairman, shall be selected one by the Chairman and one by the complainant.

(4) No panel member shall sit on the Board in connection with any eggs in respect of which he shall have any direct or indirect interest.

Fees for
inspection.
Amended by:
L.N. 408 of 2007.

11. There shall be charged in respect of an inspection of any eggs intended for export a fee of two cents (0.02) per case of 360 eggs.

Fee for reference to
Board.
Amended by:
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12. Any exporter who wants to refer to the Board a decision given by an inspector shall deposit with the inspector a fee at the rate of twelve cents (0.12) per case of eggs, which deposit shall in no case be less than six euros and ninety-nine cents (6.99).

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Rule 3)

Form of notice of intention to export eggs*Name of exporter**Place of business**Place where eggs were produced**Number of cases to be exported**Distinguishing marks (if any)**Name of ship on which to be embarked**Anticipated time
of departure
of the ship*

hour	day	month	year

*Anticipated time
of the delivery of
eggs for
inspection**Signature of exporter**Date and time*

For office use only*Inspected and graded by (name)
at (place of inspection) on (date and
time) and passed for export.*

Grade	Large	Standard	Medium	Small
No. of cases				

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INSPECTOR

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Rule 6 and 7)

Grade of Eggs for Export

No.	Grades	Net weight of each egg
1.	LARGE	Not less than 62 grams
2.	STANDARD	Less than 62 grams but not less than 53.15 grams
3.	MEDIUM	Less than 53.15 grams but not less than 46.10 grams
4.	SMALL	Less than 46.10 grams but not less than 42.50 grams

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Rule 8)

**Certificate of Inspection of Eggs
Given under Rule 8**

A consignment of cases of eggs presented for export by per on has been inspected at on by the undersigned, inspector, and passed as fit for export and properly graded as provided in the Rules. A mark "Passed for Export" has been placed on each case.

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FOURTH SCHEDULE

(Rule 9)

Notice as required under rule 9

I,, a duly authorised inspector, having examined the consignment of eggs presented by you on and consisting of cases, do not consider that this consignment/ cases thereof conforms / conform to the Rules, for the following reasons:

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Your attention is drawn to the fact that, in terms of article 18 of the Agricultural Produce (Export) Ordinance and of rule 9, you are entitled to have this decision reviewed by a Board of Reference in accordance with the procedure therein prescribed.

If you do not wish to have this decision reviewed, you are hereby requested to remove forthwith the said consignment or part thereof in accordance with rule 9.

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INSPECTOR

DATE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER

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