

## ANNEX XIV

### MARKETING STANDARDS FOR PRODUCTS OF THE EGGS AND POULTRYMEAT SECTORS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 116

#### A. Marketing standards for eggs of hens of the *Gallus gallus* species

##### I. Scope

1. Without prejudice to Part C of this Annex concerning the provisions on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks, this Part shall apply in relation to the marketing within the Community of the eggs produced in the Community, imported from third countries or intended for export outside the Community.
2. Member States may exempt from the requirements provided for in this Part of this Annex, with the exception of point III(3), eggs sold directly to the final consumer by the producer:
  - (a) on the production site, or
  - (b) in a local public market or by door-to-door selling in the region of production of the Member State concerned.

Where such exemption is granted, each producer shall be able to choose whether to apply such exemption or not. Where this exemption is applied, no quality and weight grading may be used.

The Member State may establish, according to national law, the definition of the terms 'local public market', 'door-to-door selling' and 'region of production'.

##### II. Quality and weight grading

1. Eggs shall be graded by quality as follows:
  - Class A or 'fresh',
  - Class B.
2. Class A eggs shall also be graded by weight. However, grading by weight shall not be required for eggs delivered to the food and non-food industry.
3. Class B eggs shall only be delivered to the food and non-food industry.

##### III. Marking of eggs

1. Class A eggs shall be marked with the producer code.

Class B eggs shall be marked with the producer code and/or with another indication.

Member States may exempt Class B eggs from this requirement where those eggs are marketed exclusively on their territory.

2. The marking of eggs in accordance with point 1 shall take place at the production site or at the first packing centre to which eggs are delivered.
3. Eggs sold by the producer to the final consumer on a local public market in the region of production of the Member State concerned shall be marked in accordance with point 1.

However, Member States may exempt from this requirement producers with up to 50 laying hens, provided that the name and address of the producer are indicated at the point of sale.

#### IV. Import of eggs

1. The Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), shall evaluate marketing standards for eggs applicable in exporting third countries on request of the country concerned. This evaluation shall extend to the rules on marking and labeling, farming methods and controls as well as implementation. If it finds that the rules applied offer sufficient guarantees as to equivalence with Community legislation, eggs imported from the countries concerned shall be marked with a distinguishing number equivalent to the producer code.
2. The Commission, without the assistance of the Committee referred to in Article 195(1), shall, where necessary, conduct negotiations with third countries aimed at finding appropriate ways of offering guarantees as referred to in point 1 and concluding agreements on such guarantees.
3. If sufficient guarantees as to equivalence of rules are not provided, imported eggs from the third country concerned shall bear a code permitting the identification of the country of origin and the indication that the farming method is 'unspecified'.