

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOOD AND DAIRY DIVISION

REGULATION NO. 536. LABELING, ADVERTISING, AND SALE OF EGGS

(By authority conferred on the director of agriculture by Act No. 244 of the Public Acts of 1963, being S289.321 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 285.536.1 Standards of quality and grades.

Rule 1. All standards of quality and grades for shell eggs in this state shall conform to the latest standards of quality and grades for eggs established by the United States department of agriculture and in effect August 1, 1963, except those tolerances designated in section 10 of Act No. 244 of the Public Acts of 1963, being S289.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.536.2 Bulk display markings.

Rule 2. All eggs sold to consumers from bulk lots must have displayed a plainly legible sign or placard conspicuously placed and posted in such a position as to clearly and accurately identify the eggs designated thereby. Such a placard shall be marked with the full, correct, unabbreviated designation of size followed by designation of grade as provided in Act No. 244 of the Public Acts of 1963. The minimum size of this placard shall be 8 1/2 x 11 inches. This placard shall be white with the printing on it in dark blue or black ink in plain block letters not less than 1/2 inch in size.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.536.3 Cartons and other container markings.

Rule 3. Each container in which eggs are packaged for retail sales shall be marked with the following:

(a) The full, correct, unabbreviated designation of size, number of eggs contained, and designation of grade. This information shall appear on the principal panel of the container in a clear, legible manner on a contrasting background.

(b) The name and address of the producer, wholesaler, retailer, or agent by or for whom the eggs were graded or packed.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.536.4 Reused containers.

Rule 4. Eggs shall not be placed or packed in any used or secondhand container bearing any name, markings, or any designation of brand, quality, grade, or other matter unless all such markings which do not properly and accurately apply to the eggs placed or packed therein have been removed or obliterated.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.536.5 Misuse of marked containers.

Rule 5. Any container of eggs which bears a name, a trademark, or a trade name shall not be sold or used unless such a name, trademark, or trade name is obliterated or effaced, except where the seller or user is entitled to use such name, trademark, or trade name.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.536.6 False writings.

Rule 6. It is unlawful to render to any producer, first receiver, wholesaler, retailer, or consumer an invoice, statement, or bill showing the size, quality, representation of freshness, or any other description of eggs which is false, deceptive, or misleading in any particular.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.536.7 Denaturing or other disposition of eggs.

Rule 7. Approved denaturing or disposing of eggs as required in sections 2, 3, and 11 of Act No. 244 of the Public Acts of 1963, being SS289.322, 289.323, and 289.331 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall be accomplished by the addition of 1 of the following materials to such eggs which must be broken out of the shell:

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| (a) Fish meal | Tankage |
| Alfalfa meal | Lamp black |
| Ground meat scraps | Finely ground charcoal |

Any of the above shall be added in quantity of not less than 5% of the total volume or weight of the material to be denatured and shall be mixed with such material.

(b) By the addition of natural coloring matters, such as alkanet, annatto, carotene, cochineal, green chlorophyll, saffron, turmeric, or any approved and certified contrasting food color in sufficient quantity to completely alter their appearance, to eggs after such eggs have been broken out of the shell.

(c) In lieu of denaturing such eggs, voluntary destruction or disposal may be accomplished by dumping into a disposal system.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.536.8 Disposition of eggs; exceptions.

Rule 8. The provisions of R 285.536.7 shall not apply to incubated eggs produced for research or pharmaceutical purposes when such eggs are removed from the premises where incubated upon the written approval of the director of agriculture.

History: 1979 AC.