

GENERAL CIRCULAR

This general circular contains important information from the NSW Food Authority for NSW egg producers.

Please take the time to read this information.

If you have any queries, please contact the NSW Food Authority helpline on 1300 552 406

General Circular 03/2013

To: All NSW egg producers and processors
Subject: Egg stamping to be in place before November 2014

Issue

A reminder to all egg producers and processors of the need to fully implement egg stamping requirements by November 2014 to comply with the Australia and New Zealand Food Standards Code, Standard 4.2.5 – *Primary Production and Processing Standard for Eggs and Egg products in NSW*. Businesses should take adequate steps to ensure they will comply with the stamping requirements before the deadline.

Background

The NSW Food Authority (the Authority) sent information to licensed egg producers in 2012 relating to egg stamping requirements.

Stamping was introduced to improve the traceability of eggs back to the place of production. It may be conducted at the site of production or during the grading process, which may be at a different location.

The additional time, until the end of November 2014, was given to all NSW egg producers to help them comply with the specific stamping requirements of the Standard.

Implementation

Additional time was provided to egg producers and processors based on feedback the Authority received from licensees, via a survey, on the best way to implement stamping requirements under the new Standard. The responses highlighted businesses' concerns about implementing stamping requirements, including additional time needed for possible capital investment.

The Authority agreed to assist egg businesses by extending the implementation time for stamping in NSW. Any enforcement action in relation to stamping will not commence until the end of November 2014, giving businesses time to budget for, and decide upon, the appropriate type of egg stamping equipment they wish to use.

It is expected that businesses are well advanced by now in planning their egg stamping implementation.

Stamping equipment information

The Authority has collated information on stamping equipment (see attachment 1). The list of suppliers may help businesses research their options.

Manual egg stamping

Regarding small egg producers, ie those who produce fewer than 1000 eggs per day, the Authority will supply a free manual egg stamp including ink. This stamp will be issued with a pre-assigned code which will consist of a NSW descriptor and producer identification. Businesses may also develop their own logos and branding for marketing purposes.



Enquiries

Please direct any enquiries to:

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Attachment 1 – Australian and international businesses that provide egg stamping equipment

Company name	Product(s)	Website
Alternative Printing Services (APS) (QLD, Australia)	Industrial marking and coding using Ink jet technology for cartons and eggs	http://www.aps-direct.com.au
Ausgaint Marking Systems Pty Ltd (NSW, Australia)	Automated inkjet egg marking options	http://www.ausgiant.com.au
Bellsouth Pty Ltd (VIC, Australia)	Inkjet stampers for lower capacity egg graders	http://www.bellsouth.com.au
Easyprint Australia (NSW, Australia)	Mini-jet printer	http://www.easy-print.com.au
Express Rubber Stamps (QLD, Australia)	Single hand held egg stamping option	http://www.expressrubberstamps.com.au
Insignia (QLD, Australia)	Continuous inkjet printers (Domino)	http://www.insignia.com.au
Dunogan Farm Tech Pty Ltd (NSW, Australia)	Inkjet printers with Riva Selegg egg graders	http://dunoganfarmtech.com.au
Markem-Imaje Australia (state-based offices)	Continuous inkjet printers with a MOBA interface	http://www.markem-imaje.com.au
Matthews Intelligent Identification (VIC, Australia)	Inkjet printers for coding and labelling (Linx printers)	http://www.matthews.com.au
Modico Australia (NSW, Australia)	Single hand held egg stamping option (Egg ^{id})	http://eggstamp.com.au
Egg Packaging Enterprises (United Kingdom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inkjet printers (Domino and MBD) • Single hand held egg stamping option 	http://egg-packaging-enterprises.co.uk
Fikser Stempelspecialist (The Netherlands)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single and multiple hand held stamping options 	http://www.fikser.nl
Nuovo Printing Systems (The Netherlands)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inkjet: automatic egg stamping equipment • Easy-print egg stamping (screen printing technology): Single hand held and automatic egg stamping equipment options 	http://www.nuovo.ch Australian contact: Garry Sterling Mobile:0407 115 998 Email: ggsterlingptyltd@bigpond.com.au
Ovoconcept (France)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single and multiple hand held stamping options • Automatic egg stamping equipment: Inkjet and easy-print (screen printing technology) 	http://www.ovoconcept.eu

Ovorder (Italy)	Automated egg stamping equipment options	http://www.ovorder.com
Prinzen (The Netherlands)	Automated egg stamping equipment options: Ovoprint (inkjet) the Flex Egg Coder	http://www.prinzen.com Australian contacts: Imexco Australia Pty Ltd Email: imexco@myallcoast.net.au Ryan-Ryte Enterprises Pty Ltd Email: harry@ryan-ryte.com.au
Stamps Direct Limited (United Kingdom)	Inkjet semi-automated egg stamping option: JetStamp 790e	http://www.stampsdirect.co.uk
VISY Technology Systems (Australian company – state based offices)	Continuous inkjet printers (Hitachi)	http://www.visytech.com
Volker GmbH (Germany)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple hand held stamping options • Automated egg stamping equipment options 	http://www.voelker-gmbh.net