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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR HYGIENIC PRACTICE FOR EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS

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Possible sources of contamination on the poultry farm

- Poor quality air;
- Dust;
- Personnel;
- Equipment, e.g. feeding and watering containers;
- Bedding;
- Feed and water;
- Breeder's stock.

Good poultry husbandry practices

Appropriate animal husbandry practices should be respected and care should be taken to ensure that proper health of the feeding and laying flocks is maintained.



Dos

- Maintain good health of the breeding and laying stock;
- Clean and disinfect tools and equipment regularly;
- Maintain general cleanliness of the laying boxes;
- Use clean and dry bedding;
- Use feeds from reliable suppliers;
- Store feeds on pallets in a dry and well ventilated room to avoid moulds and insect infestation;
- Regular routine veterinary care, e.g. separation of sick birds from the flock, vaccination, monitoring of birds in terms of treatment ;
- Obtain breeder stock from reliable suppliers;
- Use clean potable water on the farm;
- Proper disposal of dead birds and eggs from infected flock, e.g. through incineration, pitting/ burying;
- Put in place a pest control programme for pests such as dogs, insects, cats and wild birds;
- Eliminate pest sources around the farm, e.g. clearing bushes, fencing the area;
- Store veterinary drugs and other chemicals as recommended by the supplier / manufacturer;
- Proper disposal of used containers.



Don'ts

- Use diseased birds as breeding and laying stock;
- Use dirty and non-disinfected equipment;
- Allow birds to lay eggs in uncleaned chambers;
- Use wet bedding;
- Use feeds from unknown sources;
- Use expired drugs;
- Use chemicals which are not in their original containers and without labels;
- Use dirty and contaminated water;
- Leave dead birds and infected eggs undisposed of;
- Allow pest-infested areas around the poultry farm;
- Allow unnecessary visitors on the farm.



General housing

The internal design and layout of housing should not affect the health of the birds and should permit compliance with good hygienic practices.



Dos

- Regularly clean and disinfect facilities to reduce risk of disease transfer;
- Use a pest and vermin control system;
- Clean and disinfect poultry houses before bringing in new stock;
- Separate birds according to age;
- Put in place a cleaning programme;
- Ensure good litter management;
- Ensure a well-maintained, flowing and clean drainage system;
- Ensure a good waste management system;
- Ensure that the house is properly ventilated and leak-proof.





Don'ts

- Leave the poultry houses uncleaned;
- Allow pests and vermin in the poultry farm;
- Mix sick birds and normal birds;
- Mix birds of different species in the same housing;
- Leave litter to accumulate;
- Put in used litter for a new flock;
- Keep birds in poultry houses with leaking roofs.



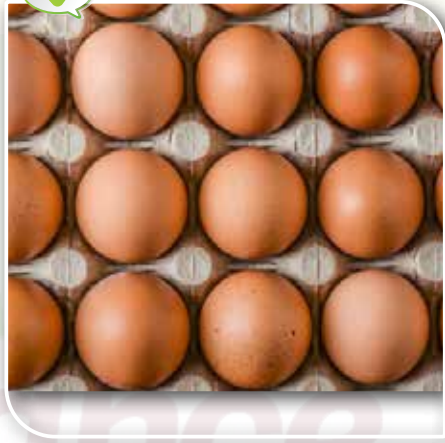
Collection, handling, storage, packaging and transport of eggs

Eggs should be collected, handled, stored and transported in a manner that minimises contamination and damage



Dos

- Exclude cracked and dirty eggs from the tray;
- Use cracked and dirty eggs for other purposes, e.g. as pet foods after processing.



Don'ts

- Mix cracked and dirty eggs with clean eggs;
- Leave cracked and dirty eggs unprocessed for a long time;
- Use broken and incubator eggs for human consumption.



Personal hygiene and biosecurity

- Follow adequate general personal hygiene, e.g. use of a foot bath and washing hands and having personal protective gear whenever in the poultry house;
- Personnel should be in good health and not transmitting diseases;
- All visitors on the farm should follow biosecurity measures put in place on the farm, e.g. bathing and use of personal protective gear;
- Keep footwear for using exclusively within the poultry house.



Sanitary facilities



Dos

- Must be hygienically maintained;
- Facilities for removal of wastes should be available;
- Provide adequate means of washing and drying of hands;
- Must be kept in good working condition.



Don'ts

- Place sanitary facilities directly into the processing lines;
- Unnecessarily dispose of waste.



Documentation and record-keeping

Records should be kept on the following:

- Prevention and control of bird/avian diseases;
- Proper identification and movement of birds and eggs;
- Agricultural, veterinary drugs and pest control chemicals used;
- Source of feed and water;
- Health status of personnel.



Training

Training should be done on:

- Proper veterinary procedures;
- Hygiene and sanitation;
- Proper storage.



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