



2016 SMALL AND OTHER POULTRY MARKET POLICY

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Salmonellosis of Poultry

WHAT IS A SMALL OR OTHER POULTRY MARKET and WHO DOES THIS POLICY APPLY TO?

In Maryland, a poultry market that is not a USDA approved auction market facility or live bird market is defined as an “other market”. “Other Market” means a place to purchase, sell, or barter poultry or their hatching eggs including but not limited to farmers’ markets, flea markets, swap meets, botanicas and internet web-sites. This policy is a summary of applicable laws and regulations and is provided for ease of reference. The policy requirements apply to the operators of markets, which is the person who organizes the market event, and the vendors that participate in a market.

OPERATOR NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Persons holding or sponsoring a small or other market in Maryland, such as a farmers market, flea market or poultry swap meet open to the general public shall notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Program in writing, providing the name, place, and inclusive dates and hours of the event at least 30 days before the event.
2. Notification can be made by phone, fax, email or letter to:
Maryland Department of Agriculture
Animal Health Program
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis Maryland 21401
Phone: 410-841-5810
Fax: 410-841-5999
Email: animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

1. **IN STATE POULTRY:** All poultry owners, vendors or custodians **from within** Maryland must show proof of Poultry Premise Registration upon entering the place of sale from within Maryland.

2. **OUT OF STATE POULTRY:** All poultry owners, vendors or custodians **from outside of Maryland** must meet all Maryland import requirements:
 - (a) Poultry must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or equivalent document such as an NPIP Form VS 9-2 or VS Form 9-3, certifying the that poultry meet testing requirements described in 2(b) and (c).
 - (b) **Pullorum-Typhoid Testing:**
 - i. Poultry must be tested negative for pullorum and typhoid within 90 days of importation, *or*
 - ii. Poultry must originate directly from a NPIP U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as certified by the Official State Agency of the state of origin.
 - iii. Test results must be documented on the entry document
 - (c) **Avian Influenza Testing:**
 - i. All poultry, except pigeons and doves, must have a negative official Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 30 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 30) within 10 days prior to event, OR
 - ii. Poultry must originate from an U.S. NPIP AI Clean or State AI Monitored flock.
 - iii. Test results must be documented on the entry document
3. **ALL POULTRY:** Birds showing any signs of illness will NOT be allowed to enter the place of sale.

RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS:

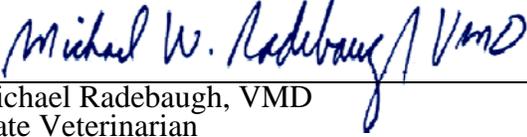
1. **VENDORS:** All vendors of poultry must comply with the following record-keeping requirements:
 - (a) Record the number, breed, variety of poultry or hatching eggs purchased and sold, date of transaction, and name and address of source (for example, seller) and destination (for example, buyer);
 - (b) Retain these records for 12 months from the date of the transaction; and
 - (c) Provide a sales receipt which provides identifying information of seller to each customer purchasing poultry.
2. **OPERATORS:** The operator of a market shall comply with the following record-keeping requirements:
 - (a) Record or compile a list of all poultry present at the exhibition. The list shall contain the name and address of each owner, the number, species, breed, variety, type and sex of all poultry present.
 - (b) Retain a copy of this list for at least twelve (12) months.

TESTING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Poultry on the premise of the place of sale showing any signs of illness will be inspected, tested, removed from the event and quarantined back to the farm or place of origin.
2. All poultry are subject to testing for infectious diseases of poultry, including but not limited to Pullorum-Typhoid, Avian Influenza, Exotic Newcastle Disease, Mycoplasma species, Infectious Bronchitis Virus and Infectious Laryngotracheitis.
3. Any poultry with a test result other than NEGATIVE for infectious poultry disease(s) on an initial test as determined by the Department, will be subject to the following actions:
 - (a) Poultry may be sent to the Maryland Department of Agriculture Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory for additional diagnostic examination.
 - (b) This poultry will be subject to any diagnostic testing requirement deemed necessary or appropriate by the Department.
 - (c) If the Department determines the poultry may be infected, the farm or place of origin is subject to quarantine by the Department or the jurisdiction outside of Maryland.
 - (d) Quarantine may be released when:
 - i). Negative test results are provided, or
 - ii). Diagnostic tests determine the poultry is not infected, or
 - iii). When depopulation occurs with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting before restocking, as prescribed by the State Veterinarian or
 - iv). When the Department or jurisdiction outside Maryland otherwise determines the quarantine may be released.
5. All vendors of poultry and market operators must allow the Department's representative to inspect on request of the Maryland Department of Agriculture:
 - (a) All required entry documents.
 - (b) Those records required to be maintained as described above in Record-Keeping Requirements, and
 - (c) All Maryland hatcheries, equipment, and facilities used for poultry.

EGG SALES REQUIREMENTS

1. Vendors selling table eggs must be currently registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Food Quality Assurance Program and meet the Maryland Egg Law requirements, to include:
 - (a) Eggs must be held at 45 degrees F or less, and
 - (b) Egg packages must be labeled with the MD number assigned by Food Quality Assurance, lot number, name and address of packer/distributor, grade, size, safe handling instructions, and quantity.



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