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**Guidance for Sale of Loose Pack Eggs sold at Retail**

Option 1: Loose Pack eggs may be sold at retail if the following information is posted at the point of sale:

1. Grade
2. Size
3. Plant number
4. Lot number
5. Net quantity (2 ½ dozen is sufficient; net weight is not required in MD)
6. Name and address of packer/distributor (Name, city, state)
7. Safe Handling Instructions
8. Follow the guidance issued by FDA “FDA Provides Temporary Flexibility Regarding Nutrition Labeling of Certain Packaged Food in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Option 2: Loose Pack eggs may be sold at retail if the retailer wants to shrink wrap or otherwise cover the flat of eggs if a label containing the information listed above is applied to the wrapped flat. Recommendation is for the packer of the eggs to provide the labels in the case for the store to apply.

For either option, the retailer is required to maintain a record of the plant number and lot number for a minimum of 90 days. Recommendation: Place a label in the case for the retailer to apply to the invoice or equivalent record or include this information on the invoice or equivalent record.

Note: The Maryland Department of Health has been notified that this method of sale is acceptable and in compliance with the Maryland Egg Law. Please send any questions to [Deanna.baldwin@maryland.gov](mailto:Deanna.baldwin@maryland.gov).