



December 21, 2022

TO: Pennsylvania Egg Processors

FROM: Bureau of Food Safety & Laboratory Services

RE: Registration of Egg Processing Facilities

Effective January 1, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Services will be registering egg processing facilities as Food Establishments under the Food Safety Act (3 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 5721-5737). The change in registration is necessary with the implementation of the Federal Egg Rule and oversight by FDA along with the PA Food Safety Act which is administered and enforced by the Department.

A food establishment is defined under Section 5722 as “[a] room, building or place or portion thereof ... used or operated for the purpose of commercially storing, packaging ... processing... packing or otherwise preparing, transporting or handling food.” 3 Pa. C.S.A. § 5722. Moreover, under the Food Safety Act at 3 Pa. C.S.A. § 5734(a) (relating to registration of food establishments), “it shall be the duty of every person operating a food establishment within this Commonwealth to register with the secretary as a food establishment.”

Any existing facility currently inspected under the PA Certified, Non-PA Certified, or PEQAP Programs will be required to complete the [Application Packet for a Food Establishment Registration](#) that can be found on PDA’s website under the Commercial Food Establishments webpage.

Under the Food Establishment registration all facilities will be inspected on a 12-month interval basis and quarterly inspections will cease effectively immediately.

If you have any questions or concern related to registration, please contact the Department at 717-787-4315 or ra-foodsafety@pa.gov.