



## The respeggt supply chain verification in brief

### Information document for laying hen farms

#### 1. What is respeggt supply chain verification?

respeggt GmbH verifies the entire supply chain, from hatchery to egg carton and foodstuff packaging, to ensure compliance with our added-value guarantee "Free of Chick Culling". The respeggt supply chain verification can be applied to supply chains that are "Free of Chick Culling" thanks to

- gender identification in the hatching egg by the SELEGGT process,
- gender identification in the hatching egg by the PLANTegg process,
- gender identification in the hatching egg by the In Ovo process.

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#### 2. What are the advantages of supply chain verification?

- After the successful verification of the supply chain in the fiftieth week of the respeggt laying hens' lives, the laying hen farm receives **compensation of € 0.05** per respeggt laying hen housed directly from respeggt, provided the flock was guaranteed "Free of Chick Culling" using the SELEGGT process.
- respeggt supply chain verification guarantees the added value "Free of Chick Culling". This active control provides security and transparency for all supply chain participants.
- Consumers can easily check the added value "Free of Chick Culling" guarantee by entering the producer code on the website <https://www.respeggt.com/en/#code-check>.

In addition, consumers can see which solution was implemented to achieve the added value "Free of Chick Culling", i.e., the message "Free of Chick Culling thanks to gender identification in the hatching egg by the SELEGGT/PLANTegg/In Ovo process" will appear. This offers consumers a high level of transparency and a great deal of security with regard to the product promise.

Does your egg really come from one of our respeggt laying hens?  
Check for yourself!

Are your eggs "Free of Chick Culling"? Check for yourself!

Type of rearing | Country of origin | Laying farm registr. r | Check producer code now



- d. Eggs may be marked with the respeggt stamp, and the packaging of respeggt eggs and respeggt foodstuffs may carry the respeggt heart-shaped label after the respeggt supply chain verification.



left: respeggt heart-shaped label, right: respeggt stamp

- e. After the eighteenth week of life, the laying hen farm receives a respeggt “Free of Chick Culling” certificate for each respeggt laying hen flock verified by respeggt.
- f. Consumers can learn more about respeggt “Free of Chick Culling” eggs and the respeggt eggs and foodstuffs currently on the market via our respeggt social media channels (Facebook, LinkedIn) as well as on the respeggt website ([www.respeggt.com](http://www.respeggt.com)).
- g. If a laying flock that has been verified through a respeggt supply chain using the SELEGGT process is required by the authorities to be culled due to avian influenza during rearing or before the fiftieth week of life of the laying hens, respeggt will **not invoice** the hatchery for the gender identification of an identical replacement flock.

respeggt must be presented with the official avian influenza culling order. An “identical replacement flock” is a flock of the same number of birds ordered from the hatchery immediately after the culling for the same barn with a respeggt supply chain verification using the SELEGGT process.

- h. The respeggt supply chain verification can be carried out for all different methods of rearing.

### 3. What are the costs associated with supply chain verification?

respeggt does **not charge** any costs for supply chain verification – the laying hen farm, the hatchery, the rearing farm and the egg packing centre will not be charged if the gender identification in the hatching egg was carried out using SELEGGT technology.

In fact, after the successful completion of the supply chain verification in the fiftieth week of life of the respeggt laying hens, the laying hen farm receives **compensation of € 0.05** per respeggt laying hen housed directly from respeggt if the SELEGGT process was used in the supply chain.

If gender identification was carried out in the hatching egg using the PLANTegg or In Ovo processes, respeggt charges **€ 0.10** per respeggt laying hen ordered at hatching. The costs are invoiced directly to the hatcheries. In addition, the costs of € 0.10 per respeggt laying hen for large flocks (50,000 laying hens or more) are capped at a maximum of € 5,000.



#### 4. What is involved in supply chain verification for a laying hen farm?

In order for a respeggt supply chain to be verified, the following information is required from the laying hen farm:

- Delivery notes for the pullets.
- Notification if the laying hens have been slaughtered.
- A signed declaration of consent in which the laying hen farm confirms the acceptance of the requirements of respeggt (the document is sent by the laying hen farm to respeggt).
- For each respeggt laying hen flock there is an announced on-site visit by respeggt, during which the "7 respeggt rules for laying hen farms" (<https://www.respeggt.com/en/system-partners/>) are checked and a visit report is completed.
- Approval for packaging with the respeggt heart-shaped label if the eggs are marketed on the laying hen farm (i.e., the direct distribution of the product by the farm).

This information is shared directly between respeggt and the laying hen farm, unless otherwise agreed.

#### 5. What are the consequences if a respeggt supply chain verification is not desired?

In this case, the respeggt heart-shaped label and the respeggt stamp **may not be used** under any circumstances. In addition, communication with customers using the "respeggt" term is **not permitted**.

Some food retailers use the respeggt heart-shaped label on their own-brand egg packaging. These retailers may not be supplied without respeggt supply chain verification.

#### 6. What must I do to obtain respeggt supply chain verification for my laying hens?

Always inform the hatchery whether a respeggt supply chain verification is desired for each individual order of your "Free of Chick Culling" flock. The hatchery will then pass this information on to respeggt. A respeggt supply chain verification for this batch/order can **no longer be requested subsequent to** the hatching eggs being placed in the incubator.