

Minnesota Import Requirements for Poultry and Hatching Eggs

I. Import Permit

An import permit is required prior to the importation of hatching eggs, poultry, or ratites into the state of Minnesota. "Poultry" is defined as turkeys, chickens, waterfowl, and game birds raised in captivity, excluding pigeons and doves. "Ratites" include ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries and other large flightless birds raised in captivity.

- a) An Annual Import Permit can be obtained by completing an application and submitting to your Official State Agency for endorsement who will forward it to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.
- b) A Single Move Import Permit can be obtained by completing the Single Move Request Form found at: <https://www.mn.gov/bah/imports/#poultry-hatching-eggs-and-ratites>

II. Certificates

All hatching eggs, poultry, and ratites imported into Minnesota must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) Form VS 9-3 (Report of Sale of Eggs, Chicks, and Poults) or an equivalent form as approved by the Board.

III. Specific Disease Requirements

- a) **Pullorum-Typhoid** – All hatching eggs, poultry, and ratites imported into Minnesota must:
 - i. originate from an NPIP approved hatchery or breeding flock that is classified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean; or
 - ii. be individually identified with a leg or wing band and be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test conducted within 30 days prior to importation.
- b) ***Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae*** – Chicken hatching eggs, chicks, and chickens from commercial egg-type or meat-type chicken hatcheries or breeding flocks and turkey hatching eggs, poults, and turkeys from commercial turkey hatcheries or breeding flocks imported into Minnesota must:
 - i. originate from an NPIP hatchery or breeding flock that is classified U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean and U.S. Mycoplasma Synoviae Clean; or
 - ii. be individually identified with a leg or wing band and be negative to a *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and a *Mycoplasma synoviae* test within 30 days prior to importation.
- c) **U.S. Salmonella Enteritidis Clean** – Chicken hatching eggs, chicks, and chickens imported into Minnesota from commercial egg-type chicken hatcheries or breeding flocks must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified U. S. Salmonella Enteritidis Clean.
- d) **U.S. Sanitation Monitored** – Turkey hatching eggs, poults, and turkeys imported into Minnesota from commercial turkey hatcheries or breeding flocks must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that meets the requirements of the U.S. Sanitation Monitored Program.

IV. Shipping Containers

Only new or cleaned and disinfected poultry boxes or containers may be used to ship baby poultry into Minnesota.

V. Slaughter exemption

Poultry or ratites that move directly to a state or federally licensed slaughter establishment are exempt from the above requirements.