

conspicuously shown in connection with said sale or offer for sale, and shall be shown on the container, and in the offer to sell, and if loose, by a sign placed on or near such eggs. Any eggs not designated as Grade B or Grade C shall be presumed to be Grade A, in allowing tolerance for quality.】

*The Maryland standard for quality of individual shell eggs shall be the same as the United States Department of Agriculture Standard of AA quality, A quality, B quality and C quality. The Maryland consumer grades for shell eggs shall be Grade AA, Grade A, and Grade B except as provided in Section 166 of this subtitle.*

*The tolerances for Grade AA, Grade A and Grade B packed eggs at consumer level shall be as follows:*

*(a) U.S. Consumer Grade AA shall consist of eggs which are 80 percent AA quality. Within the maximum tolerance of 20 percent which may be below AA quality, not more than 5 percent may be B quality, C quality or Checks in any combination, and not more than 0.5 percent Leakers or Dirties in any combination.*

*(b) U.S. Consumer Grade Grade A shall consist of eggs which are 80 percent A quality or better. Within the maximum tolerance of 20 percent which may be below A quality, not more than 5 percent may be C quality or Checks in any combination, and not more than 0.5 percent Leakers or Dirties in any combination.*

*(c) U.S. Consumer Grade B shall consist of eggs which are 80 percent B quality or better. Within the maximum tolerance of 20 percent which may be below B quality, not more than 10 percent may be Checks, and not more than 0.5 percent Leakers or Dirties in any combination.*

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【Two eggs in any dozen at the retail level or ten percent by count of the eggs in a case, at the wholesale level, not having serious defects, as shall be defined in the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, may be below the designated quality or size; but the sum of said eggs below the designated size and quality shall not exceed two eggs in any dozen at the retail level or ten percent by count of the eggs in any case of eggs at the wholesale level.】

*No person shall sell or offer to sell, or deliver any shell eggs not properly designated in respect to quality and size standard, as provided for in this subtitle. Said designation shall be plainly and conspicuously shown in connection with said sale or offer for sale and shall be shown on the container, and in the offer to sell, and if loose, by a sign placed on or near such eggs. Any eggs not designated as Grade B shall be presumed to be Grade A, in allowing tolerance for quality.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That in the event a new Department of Agriculture administered by a Secretary of Agriculture is created by law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall be substituted for any reference in this Act to the State Board of Agriculture.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 5, 1972.