

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Agriculture**

4-301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Consumer” means any person who purchases or otherwise acquires shell eggs for household consumption.

(c) “Packer” means any person who places shell eggs in the original case, carton, or container that is used to hold eggs for distribution or sale to a consumer.

(d) (1) “Distributor” means any person who:

[(1)](I) Sells, offers, or exposes for sale shell eggs; ~~or~~

[(2)](II) Purchases shell eggs for other than household consumption; OR

(III) DISTRIBUTES EGGS TO A RETAIL OUTLET OR FOOD SERVICE FACILITY OWNED BY THAT PERSON.

(2) “DISTRIBUTOR” DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSON WHO PURCHASES SHELL EGGS EITHER EXCLUSIVELY AS A RETAILER OR EXCLUSIVELY FOR USE IN A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY OR EXCLUSIVELY BOTH AS A RETAILER AND AS A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY.

(E) “FOOD SERVICE FACILITY” MEANS ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES A FACILITY WHERE EGGS ARE USED IN THE PREPARATION OF FOOD AND WHO DOES NOT DISTRIBUTE EGGS TO A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY OWNED BY THAT PERSON.

[(e)](F) “Shell eggs” means RAW eggs produced by chickens for human consumption.

(G) “RETAILER” MEANS ANY PERSON WHO SELLS SHELL EGGS TO A CONSUMER AND WHO DOES NOT DISTRIBUTE EGGS TO A RETAIL OUTLET OWNED BY THAT PERSON.

4-302.

No person may sell, advertise, offer, or in any manner represent for sale shell eggs to any [distributor or consumer] PERSON unless the shell eggs meet [a standard] STANDARDS of quality, [a] grade, AND size [or weight] classification as provided in this subtitle.

4-305.

The State standards for quality of individual OR GRADES OF shell eggs shall be the same as those of the United States Department of Agriculture.