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## Animal Biosecurity Advice 2022-A04

# Invocation of the 'Contingency import policy for specific pathogen free (SPF) chicken eggs'

This advice provides notification of a limited [invocation of the 'Contingency import policy for specific pathogen free \(SPF\) chicken eggs'](#) (the contingency policy). SPF eggs can now be imported for laboratory use and vaccine production.

Enquiries regarding the invocation can be directed to [animal@awe.gov.au](mailto:animal@awe.gov.au)

Enquiries regarding the import permit application process can be directed to [imports@awe.gov.au](mailto:imports@awe.gov.au)

Following an assessment by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, the delegate has decided to invoke the contingency policy. This approval is to permit the use of European Union and United States origin, EU Pharmacopeia specification SPF eggs which also meet the requirements of the contingency policy, for laboratory use and vaccine production until 31 May 2023.

The final decision to permit importation of SPF eggs for a specified purpose rests with the Director of Biosecurity (or delegate) under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, on the basis of an import permit. Before this final decision can be made, an importer should apply for an import permit for each individual consignment. This can be done through the standard import permit application process using the department's biosecurity import conditions database, [BICON](#). To ensure that the conditions of the contingency policy are met (including disease testing of the source flock), and the biosecurity risks are appropriately managed, import permits will only be issued on an individual consignment basis.

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