

Requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks

Annex 8.3 of the respeggt System Manual

In addition to the recognised process of gender identification in the hatching egg, the fattening of the respeggt male layer chicks (FMLC) is an alternative solution for approving hatching-equivalent laying hens as respeggt laying hens and distributing their eggs with the respeggt stamp and the heart-shaped respeggt label as “Free of Chick Culling” eggs with added value.

For laying hens to be approved as respeggt laying hens in terms of the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks, all requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks (see Section 1) must be fulfilled; in addition, specific procedures and documentation, as defined by respeggt GmbH (see Section 2), must be implemented.

The control process is initiated by a respeggt packing centre. The control of the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks always includes the control of the hatching equivalence of the respeggt laying hens; the control is paid for by the respeggt packing centre (see Section 2.1.9).

1. Requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks

- 1.1. The respeggt male layer chicks must be fattened according to the current version of the “rearing guidelines” of KAT e.V.
- 1.2. To meet the quality requirements of consumers and stakeholders and to avoid misleading consumers, the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks must always be carried out in line with a hatching equivalence (according to the definition of hatching equivalence in the “rearing guidelines” of KAT e.V.).
- 1.3. The flesh of the slaughtered respeggt male layer chicks may only be used for human consumption and must be distributed solely within the EU.
- 1.4. The feed of the respeggt male layer chicks may not contain any genetically modified substances according to the EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act.

2. Procedures and documentation

2.1. Requirements for a respeggt packing centre

- 2.1.1. Agreement: Packing centres may become part of a respeggt supply chain by signing the applicable respeggt System Recognition Agreement. After signing, they become respeggt packing centres (PACs). By signing the System Recognition Agreement, the respeggt PACs accept the requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks and commit to complying with them. Prior to the first delivery of R1 eggs, an employee of respeggt GmbH shall visit the respeggt PAC. During this visit, the respeggt PAC shall be informed about the special character of the delivered R1 eggs and the special handling that is consequently required for these eggs.
- 2.1.2. Establishment: The respeggt PAC initiates the establishment of a respeggt supply chain for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks by submitting an application via the SCMS (Supply Chain Monitoring System). *(Until this application function has been activated in the SCMS, the application is made by transmitting the document "Application for the supply chain control for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks" via email to kristin.hoeller@respeggt-group.com; the application form template can be downloaded from www.respeggt-group.com).* The fattening of respeggt male layer chicks is always coordinated by the respeggt PAC.
- 2.1.3. Declarations of Consent of the respeggt rearing farm (RF), the respeggt laying hen farm (LHF), the respeggt hatchery (HAT) and the respeggt layer chick fattening farm (LCFF): The respeggt PAC is responsible for ensuring that the requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks are fulfilled by the respeggt RF, the respeggt LHF, the respeggt LCFF and the respeggt HAT. Furthermore, the signed Declarations of Consent with their annexes (KAT certificate or initial KAT audit report and "Free of Genetic Engineering" certificate of the respeggt LCFF) together with the document "Application for the supply chain control for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks" must be submitted to respeggt GmbH (via email to kristin.hoeller@respeggt-group.com; the templates of the Declarations of Consent can be requested via the same email address), if these declarations were not already submitted before making the application.
- 2.1.4. Rearing of the respeggt flocks and the separation of goods: The fresh eggs from a respeggt laying hen that are classified as "Free of Chick Culling" via the process of fattening the respeggt male layer chicks are designated as R1 eggs. The requirements for the rearing of respeggt laying hens, as well as for the separation of both R1 eggs and respeggt eggs from all other eggs, are the same as when Sexing as a Service (SaaS) is applied (see, in particular, Chapters 4 and 5 of the respeggt System Manual).
- 2.1.5. Delivery note for housed respeggt laying hens: The delivery note for respeggt pullets delivered to the respeggt laying hen farm must be sent via email to ana.blanco@respeggt-group.com, at the latest when the respeggt laying hens are 20 weeks old.
- 2.1.6. Slaughter data: Proof of slaughter for the respeggt male layer chicks must be sent by the respeggt PAC to ana.blanco@respeggt-group.com (a proof of slaughter template can be downloaded from www.respeggt-group.com).

- 2.1.7. Data transmission: The respeggt PAC is responsible for entering all the required data and uploading all the necessary documentation into the SCMS. *(Until reporting is possible via the SCMS, this is done by entering the required data into the questionnaire for respeggt PACs and by transmitting it via email to kristin.hoeller@respeggt-group.com; a template of this questionnaire can be downloaded from www.respeggt-group.com).*
- 2.1.8. Visits: At least once per year, respeggt GmbH will organize a visit to the respeggt PAC in order to verify the correct implementation of the requirements in the respeggt System Manual. The respeggt PAC commits to submitting all the necessary documentation required for this purpose during this visit.
- 2.1.9. Settlement of costs: The control of the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks according to the specific requirements is paid for by the respeggt PAC. The modalities for the settlement of costs are agreed with the respective respeggt system partner through the respeggt System Recognition Agreement.

2.2. Requirements for a respeggt hatchery

- 2.2.1. Agreement: Hatcheries may become part of a respeggt supply chain by signing the applicable respeggt Declaration of Consent. After signing, they become respeggt hatcheries (HATs).
- 2.2.2. Separation of goods: The female respeggt chicks and the male respeggt layer chicks must be permanently separated from conventional chicks at the respeggt HAT and during transport to the respeggt RF or respeggt LCFF. There must be no mixing of respeggt chicks and conventional chicks during the entire incubation, hatching and vaccination processes of a respeggt flock. The respeggt system partners may agree to the use of labels, boxes and brood trays in different colours for this purpose.
- 2.2.3. Marking: Delivery notes, transport documents and invoices must always be marked with the acronym "OKT" (Ohne Kükentöten) or "FoCC" (Free of Chick Culling) or with the respeggt document stamp provided by respeggt GmbH.
- 2.2.4. respeggt flock passport: Prior to delivering the respeggt chicks to the respeggt RF, the employees of the respeggt HAT shall take the following steps: The employees of the respeggt HAT shall enter the delivery data into the respeggt flock passport provided by respeggt GmbH and then send a photograph of the updated passport via email to ana.blanco@respeggt-group.com. The employees of the respeggt HAT shall forward the respeggt flock passport with the transport documents of the respeggt chicks to the respeggt RF. A template of the respeggt flock passport is provided by respeggt GmbH to the respeggt HAT.
- 2.2.5. Data transmission via the SCMS: In the course of establishing a respeggt supply chain, the respeggt HAT receives login data for its personal access to the Supply Chain Monitoring System (SCMS) area on the website www.respeggt-group.com. The respeggt HAT is responsible for entering all the required data and uploading all the delivery notes into the SCMS after the respeggt chicks have hatched. *(Until this is possible, this data must be entered into the hatching report for respeggt HATs and*

sent via email to ana.blanco@respeggt-group.com; the hatching report template can be downloaded from www.respeggt-group.com).

- 2.2.6. Visits: At least once per year, respeggt GmbH will organize a visit to the respeggt HAT in order to verify the correct implementation of the requirements in the respeggt System Manual. The respeggt HAT commits to submitting all the necessary documentation required for this purpose during this visit.

2.3. Requirements for a respeggt layer chick fattening farm

- 2.3.1. Agreement: Layer chick fattening farms may become part of a respeggt supply chain by signing the applicable Declaration of Consent. After signing, they become respeggt layer chick fattening farms (LCFFs). The respeggt LCFF is obligated to provide the documents listed in the Declaration of Consent (KAT certificate or initial KAT audit report and "Free of Genetic Engineering" certificate) to the respeggt PAC so that the respeggt PAC can forward these documents to respeggt GmbH.
- 2.3.2. KAT certification: The respeggt LCFF must be KAT certified. If the LCFF has not yet obtained KAT certification, it must commission a certification body approved for KAT certification (see [KAT Certification Bodies - KAT - Association for Controlled Alternative Animal Husbandry \(was-steht-auf-dem-ei.de\)](http://www.was-steht-auf-dem-ei.de)) to carry out the initial KAT audit. Confirmation of the implementation of the initial KAT audit must be presented by the respeggt LCFF to the respeggt PAC before the respeggt PAC submits the application for the supply chain control for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks.
- 2.3.3. Rearing: The requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks (see Sections 1.1 to 1.4) must be fulfilled.
- 2.3.4. Separation of goods: The respeggt male layer chicks must be permanently separated from conventional chicks during both rearing and transport.
- 2.3.5. Visits: The company respeggt GmbH reserves the right to organize a visit to the respeggt LCFF at least once per batch of male layer chicks in order to verify whether all the requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks have been fulfilled. The respeggt LCFF commits to submitting all the necessary documentation required for this purpose during this visit. Employees of respeggt GmbH may visit the LCFF at any time.