

Requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks

Annex 5.1. 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 is an alternative solution for approving hatching-equivalent laying hens as respeggt laying hens and distributing their eggs with 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 5.1.1.) must be fulfilled; in addition, specific procedures and documentation, as defined by respeggt GmbH (see Section 5.1.2.), must be implemented.

The control process is initiated by a packing centre and must be carried out before slaughtering the animals (male layer chicks and laying hens). 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 packing centre (see Section 5.1.2.9.).

5.1.1. Requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks

- 5.1.1.1 The respeggt male layer chicks must be fattened according to the current version of the “rearing guidelines” of KAT e.V.
- 5.1.1.2 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.).
- 5.1.1.3 The meat of the slaughtered respeggt male layer chicks may only be used for producing foodstuffs intended for human consumption and must be distributed solely within the EU.
- 5.1.1.4 The feed of the respeggt male layer chicks may not contain any genetically modified substances according to the EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act.

Procedures and documentation

5.1.2 Requirements for a packing centre

- 5.1.2.1. **Agreement:** Packing centres may become part of a respeggt supply chain by signing the applicable respeggt System Recognition Agreement. By signing the System Recognition Agreement, the packing centres accept the requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks and commit to complying with them.
- 5.1.2.2. **Establishment:** The packing centre 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). The fattening of respeggt male layer chicks is always coordinated by the packing centre. The packing centre is responsible for entering all the required data and uploading all the necessary documentation into the SCMS.
- 5.1.2.3. **Declarations of Consent of the rearing farm, the laying hen farm and the layer chick fattening farm:** The packing centre is responsible for ensuring that the requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks are fulfilled by the rearing farm, the laying hen farm and the layer chick fattening farm. Furthermore, it must submit the signed Declarations of Consent together with the document "Application for the supply chain control for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks" via the SCMS if these declarations were not already submitted before making the application.
- 5.1.2.4. **Delivery note for the delivery of chicks:** The delivery note for the delivery of the female chicks to the rearing farm and of the male chicks to the layer chick fattening farm must be sent via email to data@respeggt-group.com at the latest when the respeggt chicks are one week old.
- 5.1.2.5. **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 also 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, Chapter 3 of the respeggt System Manual).
- 5.1.2.6. **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

data@respeggt-group.com at the latest when the respeggt laying hens are 20 weeks old.

5.1.2.7. **Slaughter data:** Proof of slaughter for the respeggt male layer chicks (template available in the SCMS) must be sent by the packing centre to data@respeggt-group.com.

5.1.2.8. **Settlement of costs:** The control of the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks according to the specific requirements is paid for by the packing centre. The modalities for the settlement of costs are agreed with the respective respeggt system partner through the respeggt System Recognition Agreement.

5.1.3 Requirements for a hatchery

5.1.3.1. **Separation of goods:** The female respeggt chicks must be permanently separated from conventional chicks at the hatchery and during transport to the rearing farm. 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.

5.1.3.2. **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.

5.1.3.3. **respeggt flock passports:** Prior to delivering the respeggt chicks to the rearing farm or layer chick fattening farm, the employees of the hatchery shall take the following steps: The employees of the hatchery shall enter the delivery data into the respeggt flock passports provided by respeggt GmbH and forward them together with the transport documents of the respeggt chicks to the rearing farm or layer chick fattening farm.

5.1.3.4. **Visits:** respeggt GmbH may visit the hatchery upon request in order to verify the correct implementation of the requirements in the respeggt System Manual. The hatchery commits to submitting all the necessary documentation required for this purpose during this visit.

5.1.4 Requirements for a layer chick fattening farm

- 5.1.4.1. **Agreement:** Layer chick fattening farms may become part of a respeggt supply chain by signing the applicable respeggt Declaration of Consent.
- 5.1.4.2. **KAT certification:** The layer chick fattening farm must be KAT certified. If the layer chick fattening farm 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 (<https://www.was-steht-auf-dem-ei.de/en/>)) to carry out the initial KAT audit.
- 5.1.4.3. **Rearing:** The requirements for the fattening of respeggt male layer chicks (see Sections 5.1.1.1. to 5.1.1.4.) must be fulfilled.
- 5.1.4.4. **respeggt flock passport:** The employees of the layer chick fattening farm shall control the respeggt flock passport and supplement it with further data. They shall subsequently display the respeggt flock passport in a convenient place in the barn where it is easy to see. Upon exit of the respeggt male layer chicks, a photograph of the fully completed flock passport must be sent via email to data@respeggt-group.com.
- 5.1.4.5. **Visits:** The company respeggt GmbH reserves the right to organize a visit to the layer chick fattening farm 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 layer chick fattening farm commits to submitting all the necessary documentation required for this purpose during this visit. Employees of respeggt GmbH may visit the layer chick fattening farm at any time.