

respeggt supply chain verification process for alternative in-ovo sexing processes

General conditions

- Only in-ovo sexing processes in the first half of the hatching period are permitted.
- The hatching eggs used must be physically and administratively separated from conventional hatching eggs after sexing in the hatching egg.
- No mis-sexed male or surplus female chicks may be killed during a respeggt hatching. All chicks must be fattened or reared according to the current version of the "Rearing Guidelines" of KAT e.V.. Animals that are not viable may still be killed.
- The hatchery, the rearing farm and the laying hen farm have to sign a Declaration of Consent (EVE) and the packing centre has to sign a respeggt System Recognition Agreement.
- A hatchery does not have to convert its entire production to respeggt. Individual hatchlings can be verified by respeggt. A hatch is defined as the quantity of female one-day-old chicks required for a specified laying hen operation.
- All system participants accept the following process steps.

Process steps

1. the packing centre notifies the request for respeggt supply chain verification for alternative sexing procedures under the above mentioned general conditions to respeggt GmbH (Kristin.Hoeller@respeggt-group.com) at the latest 4 weeks before hatching.
2. the hatchery notifies respeggt of the date of sexing and hatching of the respeggt chicks before hatching.
3. a respeggt coordinator is present at the hatching of the respeggt chicks and receives a copy of all relevant delivery notes from the hatchery.

The further process of respeggt supply chain verification is analogous to any other respeggt supply chain verification. I.e. the other participants in the supply chain (hatchery, layer hen farm, packing centre) are treated as "normal" respeggt system partners and follow the respeggt requirements as laid down in the respeggt system manual (<https://www.respeggt-group.com/en/#Downloads>).

The egg packing centre receives a "Free of Chick Culling" certificate for each respeggt verified flock of laying hens from the 19th week of life, which is recognised by the KAT.

Costs

respeggt charges a licence of EURO 0,15 per ordered respeggt laying hen for the verification of supply chains (no matter if it is a respeggt broiler fattening or alternative early sexing methods). The licence is charged to the egg packing centres. In addition, the licence costs for large respeggt flocks of more than 50,000 respeggt laying hens per respeggt flock are capped (irrespective of whether these are respeggt broiler flocks or alternative early sexing methods). This means that from a size of 50,000 respeggt laying hens and more, the licence is always "only" €7,500.