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respeggt supply chain verification for early in-ovo sexing processes

Dear system partners,
dear supporters

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some time ago we started to verify the supply chains of a respeggt brother layer fattening according to the transparency required by trade partners, in order to be able to guarantee the added value promise "Free of Chick Culling" for these eggs as well.

As brother layer fattening is increasingly criticised for its inefficient use of resources and negative climate impacts, we are now seeing an increase in demand for in-ovo sexing. We advocate the development of multiple, early processes of in-ovo sexing, as only together can we currently free large quantities of hatching eggs and thus entire countries from chick culling.

At the request of food retailers and egg packing centres, we have decided to immediately verify supply chains with other processes of in-ovo sexing in order to extend the scope of a verified and safe added value promise.

The basic requirements are summarised in the document "[Process for alternative in-ovo sexing processes](#)".

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.

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

We have also noticed that the food industry has started to add the value of "Free of Chick Culling" to both retailer brands and industry brands. For this reason, we already offer a verification module for egg processing plants and food manufacturers within the framework of supply chain verification.

As part of the expansion of our respeggt verification system for alternative processes of in-ovo sexing, the various solutions for ending chick culling will then appear in the future on our website www.respeggt.com in the producer code search. I.e. **Free of Chick Culling thanks to**

- "In-ovo sex determination by SELEGGT",
- "In-ovo sex determination by PLANTegg",
- "In-ovo sex determination by IN-OVO" or
- "respeggt's fattening of male layer chicks"

We are sure that with this offer we can reduce the complexities in the egg packing centres and increase the transparency as well as the acceptance of early in-ovo sexing for the consumers. Another solution to increase the quantities of "Free of Chick Culling" eggs through in-ovo sexing in the sector is of course still the installation of a SE-LEGGT Circuit in hatcheries. **Each hatchery has the option to install a SELEGGT Circuit** if a minimum annual quantity is demanded. The technology is provided at the expense of respeggt. A contract with the respective hatchery ensures a cooperative relationship, which also generates financial benefits for the hatchery.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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We wish you a good start in 2022!

Your respeggt team