



Retail sales

All eggs sold at retail outlets must have been graded as Class A quality in an approved egg packing centre and be stamped with the producer's distinguishing number.

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Eggs, whether in packs or loose on trays, must be delivered to the consumer within 28 days of lay. This time limit may optionally be indicated as a "sell-by" or "display until" date on egg packs, or in accompanying documentation, in addition to the mandatory "Best Before" date which is also a maximum of 28 days from lay.

Eggs sold loose on trays at retailers

Small packs (cartons) may be provided by the retailer to enable customers, or retail staff, to pack selected eggs at time of purchase only.

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Information to be displayed beside trays of loose eggs at point of sale:

- ❑ Quality (Class A) and weight grade
- ❑ Method of production (Cage, Barn, Free Range, Organic)
- ❑ Explanation of the producer code on eggs
- ❑ Best Before date
- ❑ Advice to consumers to keep chilled after purchase

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For further information or advice please contact:

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