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AUSTRALIAN **EGG**
CORPORATION LIMITED



Egg Corp Assured

The National Egg Quality Assurance Program

auditor guidelines

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background

Australian Egg Corporation Limited (AECL) has established Egg Corp Assured (ECA), the national egg quality assurance program, designed to help commercial egg producers develop an approved quality assurance program for their business and be recognised for doing so.

Egg Corp Assured is a quality assurance program based on HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points) and covers on-farm practices relating to Pullet Rearing, Egg Production and Egg Grading/Packing.

The Egg Corp Assured quality assurance program will address issues including food safety, biosecurity, animal welfare and egg labelling. These programs must be audited by a registered third party auditor.

Only egg businesses that have had their quality assurance program audited against Egg Corp Assured standards by an accredited ECA auditor can display the ECA trade mark.

becoming an auditor

Egg Corp Assured Accredited Auditors must:

- attend and pass an approved Egg Corp Assured auditors training course (details next page)
- sign an agreement with AECL abiding by the ECA Program Guidelines and Certification Rules
- pay an annual registration fee
- perform at least two egg business audits annually
- renew your accreditation by 1 February each year
- be Quality Society of Australasia (QSA) endorsed.

auditor training

AECL provides a one day training course to train Quality Society of Australasia (QSA) qualified auditors to conduct Egg Corp Assured audits in line with the national egg quality assurance program.

The course aims to assist auditors understand the principles and standards that need to be achieved by businesses to comply with Egg Corp Assured.

The skills and knowledge gained from this course can be used to audit the HACCP-based national quality assurance program for egg businesses.

To enrol in the course:

- contact AECL to obtain a course registration form, or download from www.aecl.org
- on completion, send the registration form along with proof of QSA accreditation and course fee to AECL
- a course will be held once sufficient interest has been expressed.

your agreement with AECL

AECL reserves the right to issue Egg Corp Assured accreditation in accordance with ECA Program Guidelines and Certification Rules. Third party 'expert' advice may be sought in the event of a dispute, however all final decisions will rest with AECL, the program and trade mark owner.

In the event of a dispute in relation to advice issued by an ECA accredited auditor, AECL will seek advice initially from the auditor involved. If the situation remains unresolved, an AECL appointed senior auditor will be consulted.

AECL reserves the right to conduct spot checks, carried out by a senior auditor, after giving notice of such.

auditor guidelines

- An Accreditation Certificate and Accreditation Identification Card, with a personalised number administered by AECL, is issued upon annual registration.
- Auditors are required to use the approved AECL auditor checklist. A template for this document can be downloaded from the website www.aecl.org or by contacting AECL.
- On completion, the auditor will send the approved auditor checklist back to AECL.
- AECL will issue a Certificate of Licence to egg businesses that comply with the published guidelines and Certification Rules, based on recommendations provided by the auditor.
- A copy of the auditor report is then sent to the business.
- In a dispute, AECL will seek advice initially from the auditor involved. If the situation remains unresolved, an appointed senior auditor will be consulted.

promoting your services

AECL will actively promote the Egg Corp Assured program to Australian egg businesses. The contact details of accredited auditors will be advertised to egg businesses through industry publications, meetings and forums.

The list of AECL Egg Corp Assured Accredited Auditors will also be listed on the AECL web site for reference: www.aecl.org.