

# Egg Stamping



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This booklet outlines the benefits, feasibility and options of egg stamping for Australian egg producers. Egg stamping — also known as egg marking, egg coding or egg printing — is compulsory in the European Union.



Egg stamping enables shell eggs to be traced from the farm to the table. This has advantages for consumers, retailers and also for producers. The main advantage for producers is that, if there is a food safety, or any other quality problem with eggs, the source of the egg can be located quickly.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand requires individual eggs and egg products to be marked with a “unique identifier”. To comply with this, all egg producers must stamp their eggs with a unique code. The process is regulated by the states so producers must refer to the requirements of the state in which their eggs are packed.

This booklet outlines the various standards for each state along with a complete guide to the applicable Australian laws, regulations and standards for egg producers.