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Guidance Document: Egg Products

About this document

This guidance document contains information about acceptable ways of ensuring compliance with the requirements in the Import Health Standard (IHS): Egg Products.

Any quidance on how to comply with the applicable requirements may not be the only way to achieve compliance. Stakeholders are encouraged to discuss departures from the approaches outlined in this guidance document with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to avoid expending resources on the development of alternative approaches which may later be considered unsuitable.

The term "must" is not typically used in guidance. In this particular document if the term "must" is used, it is used in the context of quoting or paraphrasing the requirements set out in the related IHS: Egg Products.

Related Requirements

Import Heath Standard: Egg Products

Document history

Refer to Appendix 1.

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1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany the *IHS: Egg Products*. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that IHS.
- (2) This document includes:
 - a) Countries with MPI approved exporting systems to import egg products into New Zealand.
 - b) A model veterinary certificate and model manufacturer's declaration.
 - c) Negotiated country-specific sample veterinary certificates.

2 Background

(1) The IHS: Egg Products, which this guidance document accompanies, contains generic import requirements. These are the rules to manage the biosecurity risk of importing processed egg products from countries that can meet the requirements of the IHS and in doing so meet New Zealand's appropriate level of protection. The generic IHS serves as the basis for country-to-country (bilateral) negotiations. This guidance document contains a model veterinary certificate and the bilaterally-agreed veterinary certification for trade in processed egg products. Each country-specific veterinary certificate represents what will be certified prior to exporting consignments of processed egg products from the country specified.

3 Definitions

- (1) Refer to Schedule 2 in the IHS: Egg Products.
- (2) Refer to Appendix 2 of this guidance document for additional definitions that apply.

4 Importer Responsibilities

- (1) The costs to MPI in performing functions relating to the importation of processed egg products will be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) and any regulations made under that Act. All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity clearance must be covered by the importer or agent.
- (2) Consignments that do not comply with the requirements of the IHS may be re-shipped or destroyed using a MPI-approved destruction method.

5 Guidance

(1) It is recommended that importers also read the following steps to importing located on the MPI website http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/eggs/steps-to-importing/

5.1 Equivalence and import permits

- (1) MPI may accept an alternative method, system or process that can be shown to achieve the biosecurity requirements of the IHS (i.e. equivalence).
- (2) MPI's preference is that the exporting country's Competent Authority makes equivalence requests. Equivalence requests can be lodged with animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz
- (3) An import permit is not required to import egg products into New Zealand if the requirements of the IHS are met.

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- (4) An import permit may be required where specific equivalence measures are approved by MPI. An import permit serves as evidence of equivalence decisions which will be written as specific notes in the special conditions section of the permit.
- (5) Import permit application forms can be found on the MPI website at: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/eggs/forms-and-templates/
- (6) Completed applications are lodged with animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz.

5.2 Food Act 2014 and Animal Products Act 1999

- (1) Consignments of food imported into New Zealand for sale for human consumption must comply with relevant requirements of:
 - a) The Food Act 2014:
 - b) The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code;
 - c) The Animal Products Act 1999.
- (2) Importers of food intended for sale for human consumption must be registered with MPI. This requirement is independent of the IHS requirements. Importers are advised to consult MPI's food safety website: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing.
- (3) Some high risk foods, known as Regulatory Interest Foods will require a food safety clearance on arrival. These foods include some meat, fish, seafood and cheese. A full list can be found in the Schedules to the Food Notice: Importing Food. A food safety clearance will include a documentation check and may include inspection, sampling and testing at the importers cost.
- (4) Importers of egg products must ensure that consignments of egg products imported into New Zealand comply with the microbiological limit for *Salmonella* in processed egg products (i.e. *Salmonella* not detected in 25g), specified in Schedule 27 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.
- (5) The importation of the following animal material or product must comply with the inspection requirements issued in Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR) 01/172 under the Animal Products Act 1999:
 - Imported animal material or product, or product containing animal material or product, that is of New Zealand origin and have been returned to New Zealand for domestic sale or use, or for reexport where official assurance is required, and
 - Imported animal material or product of foreign origin intended for export or further processing for export where official assurance is required.

To arrange for inspection of any animal material or animal product, contact your primary verifier or local MPI Verification Services Office.

5.3 Private consignments

(1) The requirements for private consignments are stated in the <u>IHS: Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products EDIPROIC.ALL.</u>

5.4 Incorporation of material by reference

(1) Incorporation by reference means that standards, guidelines or lists are incorporated into the IHS and they form part of the requirements.

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5.5 Harmonised system (HS) codes

- (1) The harmonised system is an international product numbering classification developed by the World Customs Organisation (WCO). The New Zealand harmonised system is found here:

 http://aria.stats.govt.nz/aria/#ClassificationView:uri=http://stats.govt.nz/cms/ClassificationVersion/ZSwZWlknoDQ22Owg
- (2) Animal products imported using the IHS will be under one of the following HS Codes:

HS Code	Commodity Description	
0408	Birds' eggs, not in shell; egg yolks, fresh, dried, cooked by steaming or boiling in water, moulded, frozen or otherwise preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	

5.6 Exporting country systems and certification

5.6.1 Approval of exporting systems

- (1) Competent Authorities should refer to Section 3 of the Code titled *Quality of Veterinary Services*, to prepare evidence for MPI regarding capabilities and preferences of the exporting country's Competent Authority.
- (2) The table below lists those exporting countries that meet the requirements set out in the *IHS: Egg Products*

Countries with approved exporting systems	Spray-dried whole egg powder and crystals	Spray-dried egg albumen powder and crystals	Liquid pasteurised egg	Liquid pasteurised egg white	Other products containing chicken eggs
Australia		✓	✓	✓	✓
Canada	V	10'0		Oti	0 10
European Union	✓	✓			
Japan	V				
USA	✓	✓			

5.6.2 Agreed country-specific veterinary certificates

- (1) Requests from exporting countries to negotiate veterinary certification for the importation of egg products into New Zealand will be prioritised according to MPI resources available at the time of application.
- (2) A model veterinary certificate is provided in this guidance document and can be used by the Competent Authority as a reference for country-specific veterinary certificate negotiation.
- (3) All country-specific veterinary certificates agreed between an exporting country's Competent Authority and MPI are included in the table below:

Country	Link to certificate	S27 CTO direction #	Date agreed	Date applicable for use
Denmark	Egg Powder and Egg Crystal from Denmark		December 2013	April 2014

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France	Pasteurised Egg Albumen Powder from France		September 2012	January 2013
USA	Egg Products from USA		January 2011	May 2011
Australia	Egg Products from Australia	2018 044	18 October 2018	18 October 2018

- (4) Country-specific veterinary certificates with equivalent measures will be recorded with a number relevant to a Chief Technical Officer (CTO) direction under section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Act, to enable border staff to clear the goods and record the number in the MPI database.
- (5) When a newly negotiated country-specific veterinary certificate replaces one which is currently in use, the application of new import conditions will apply according to the dates listed in the table. After that date previous veterinary certificates for that country can no longer be used.

5.7 Documentation

- (1) Where required under the IHS, an import permit for animal products must accompany the egg products. Application forms can be sent to the contact details listed at the beginning of this document.
- (2) It is advised that copies of documentation are submitted with the BACC application through eBACCa or directly to the target evaluators prior to the consignment arriving.
- (3) The table below lists the documentation required for the various processed egg products allowed.

Due duet tune	Vatorinam, contificate	Manufacturer's declaration
Product type	Veterinary certificate	Manufacturer's declaration
Process	n chicken eggs	
Shelf-stable spray-dried whole egg and egg yolk powder/crystal	√ (for Angara disease freedom)	✓
Shelf stable spray dried egg albumen powder/crystal	✓ (for Angara disease and avian influenza freedom)	tation
Liquid pasteurised eggs	√ (for Angara disease freedom)	Y
Liquid Pasteurised albumen	(for Angara and avian influenza disease freedom)	*
Other products containing up to 100% egg ingredients.	✓ (for Angara disease freedom)	✓
	Specified shelf stable prod	ucts
Mooncakes		✓
Non-alcoholic drinks		✓
Retort and highly heat treated products		√
Mayonnaise and salad dressing with less than 20% egg ingredient		(Only required if original commercial packaging does not state the percentage of egg contained)

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Alkalised chicken or duck eggs	✓
Products containing no more than 5% egg ingredients	✓ (Only required if original commercial packaging does not state the percentage of egg contained)
Products containing more than 5% and less than 21% egg ingredients	✓

5.8 Biosecurity clearance

- (1) MPI must receive complete and adequate information to assess the risk of goods imported into New Zealand. Commercial importers must submit this information to MPI as part of a Biosecurity Authorisation Clearance Certificate (BACC) application. Application forms and contact details can be obtained from the MPI website http://mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/containers-and-cargo/
- (2) An inspector will inspect the accompanying documentation to ensure that it meets the requirements of the IHS, i.e. adequately identifies the country of origin, describes the nature of the goods, manufacturing processes, and is not fraudulent, where required.
- (3) Before clearance or biosecurity direction is given, an inspector may physically inspect all or any part of a consignment to ensure that it meets the IHS.
- (4) Products that do not meet the requirements of the IHS will be authorised for reshipment or destruction. Importers are therefore advised to comply with the IHS so as to avoid any delays or extra costs incurred as a result of non-compliance.

5.9 Inspection and verification

- (1) On arrival, all documentation accompanying the consignment will be verified by an inspector. The inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment on arrival.
- (2) Inspectors are able to inspect and verify due to their authorised powers under the Act.
- (3) These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements.

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5.10 Model veterinary certificate

- (1) Below is a model veterinary certificate for trade in egg products. This model meets the requirements of the IHS.
- (2) This model veterinary certificate format is based on the *Code* Chapter for model veterinary certificates for international trade in processed egg products.

	1.1. Consignor (Exporter): Name:	1.2. Certificate reference number:
	Address:	1.3. Competent Authority:
int	1.4. Consignee (Importer): Name: Address:	
consignme	1.5. Country of origin	1.6. Zone or compartment of origin*:
spatched	1.7. Country of destination:	1.8. Country, zone or compartment of manufacture*:
Part 1: Details of dispatched consignment	1.9. Place of origin: Name:	TOr
Part	Address:	
	1.10. Place of shipment:	1.11. Date of departure:
	1.12. Means of transport: Aeroplane Ship	1.13. Species derived from: Gallus gallus
	1.14. Description of commodity:	1.15. Net weight (kg):
	1.16. Identification of container/serial number:	1.17. Total number of packages:
		1.18. Type of packaging:
	1.19 Commodities intended for use as:	
	☐ Human consumption	Other
	☐ Animal feed	☐ Technical use
	☐ Animal feed	☐ Technical use

* If referenced in Part 2

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		ned Official Veterinarian, after due examination s declaration and certify that the egg products in	have no reason to doubt the veracity of the attached this consignment are:			
Delete	clauses	not applicable to product for import.				
(1)	Shelf	-stable spray-dried whole egg and/or egg yol	k powder/crystal:			
	For A	ngara disease (caused by FAdV-4):				
	(a)	country, zone or compartment) where Angara	ve originated from flocks in (insert disease has not been recognised (i.e. no cases reported) and s per clause 2(a) of the manufacturer's declaration; or			
	(b)	The product has undergone a heat treatment a	as per clause 2(b) of the manufacturer's declaration			
(2)	Shelf	-stable spray-dried egg albumen powder/cry	stal:			
	For A	ngara disease (caused by FAdV-4):				
	(a)	(insert country, zone or compartment) where A	ve originated from flocks in			
	(b)	The product has undergone a heat treatment a	as per clause 3(b)(ii) of the manufacturer's declaration.			
	For high pathogenicity avian influenza:					
	(c)	(insert country, zone or compartment) which is	ve originated from flocks ins free from high pathogenicity avian influenza as described in a heat treatment as per 3(a) of the manufacturer's declaration			
	(d)	The product has undergone a heat treatment a	as per clause 3(c)(ii) or (iii) of the manufacturer's declaration.			
(3)	Liqui	d pasteurised whole eggs or egg yolks:				
	For A	ngara disease (caused by FAdV-4):	ditation			
	(a)	(insert country, zone or compartment) where A	ginated from flocks in			
(4)	Liqui	d pasteurised egg albumen:				
	For A	ngara disease (caused by FAdV-4):				
	(a)	(insert country, zone or compartment) where A	ginated from flocks in			
	For hi	gh pathogenicity avian influenza:				
	(b)	(insert country, zone or compartment) which is	ginated from flocks ins free from high pathogenicity avian influenza as described in a heat treatment as per 4(a) of the manufacturer's declaration;			
	(c)	The product has undergone a heat treatment	as per clause 4(c)(iii) of the manufacturer's declaration.			

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(5)	Other	products containing from 5% to 100% chicken	egg	
	For A	ngara disease (caused by FAdV-4) the eggs used	to manufacture the product must eit	her:
	(a)	Originate from flocks in a country, zone or compa no cases reported) and the product has undergor manufacturer's declaration; or		
	(b)	The product has undergone a heat treatment as p	per clause (8)(b) of the manufacture	er's declaration.
Official	Veterin	arian		
Name:			Signature:	
Address	i.		Date:	
Email:				Official Veterinarian signature Official stamp and date

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5.11 Model manufacturer's declaration

			Manufacturing Comր	panies Letterhead
Importe	er (clien	t) detail:	ls:	
Name a	and add	dress of	f manufacturer:	
Full des	scription	n of the	commodity: Ider	tifiers (e.g. container/seal number, invoice number):
For pro	cesse	d egg p	products derived from chickens (Gallus gal	lus)
(1)	egg p	roducts		, or equivalent, of the manufacturing premises declare that the eggs that originate from the following eligible countries (see(insert country names) and:
	(a)	The eg	ggs used to manufacture the product were fror	n chickens (<i>Gallus gallus</i>); and
	(b)		ggs were inspected prior to being broken and n matter; and	were intact, free from dirt, blood, faecal contamination and other
	(c)	The eg	gg products contain no more than 100 mg/kg o	of eggshell remains, egg membrane and other particles; and
	(d)		gg products comply with relevant national stan cts; and	dards of the exporting country for hygienic processing of egg
	(e)			ealed in tamper-proof packaging as part of the manufacturing cessed product not of equivalent health status; and
	(f)	During	g manufacturing quality control measures were	in place to prevent contamination of egg products.
The pro	duct w	as proce	cessed as follows (delete clauses as necessary	') :
(2)	Shelf	-stable	spray-dried whole egg and/or egg yolk pov	vder/crystal:
	(a)	certifie		60°C for at least 3.5 minutes and the Competent Authority has or compartment where Angara disease has not been
	(b)	The pr	roduct reached a core temperature of at least	
		(i)	60°C for at least 60 minutes; or	
		(ii)	80°C for at least 10 minutes; or	
		(iii)	100°C for at least 5 minutes.	

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(3) Shelf-stable spray-dried egg albumen powder/crystal:

- (a) The product reached a core temperature of at least 54.4°C for at least 7 days; and
- (b) For Angara disease
 - (i) The Competent Authority has certified the eggs were derived from a country, zone or compartment where Angara disease has not been recognised; or

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- (ii) The product reached a core temperature of at least;
 - 1. 60°C for at least 60 minutes; or
 - 2. 80°C for at least 10 minutes; or
 - 3. 100°C for at least 5 minutes
- (c) For high pathogenicity avian influenza
 - The Competent Authority has certified the eggs were derived from a country, zone or compartment free from high pathogenicity avian influenza; or
 - (ii) The product for export has undergone a heat treatment in accordance with the *Code* recommendations for inactivation of avian influenza viruses as listed below, and reached a core temperature of at least:
 - 1. 54.4°C for at least 21.38 days; or
 - 2. 67°C for at least 0.83 days; or
 - (iii) The product for export has undergone a heat treatment and reached a core temperature of at least 60°C for at least 10 days; or

(4) Liquid pasteurised egg:

(a) The product has been heat treated in accordance with the parameters in the following table:

Liquid Egg Product	Retention temperature to be no less than (°C)	Minimum holding time requirements in minutes
Albumen (without the use of chemicals)	55	9.5
Whole egg	60 64	3.5 2.5
Whole egg blends (less than 2% added non-egg ingredients)	61.1 60.0	3.5 6.2
Fortified whole egg blends (24-38% solids, 2-12% added non-egg ingredients)	62.2 61.1	3.5 6.2
Salted whole egg (with 2% or more salt added)	63.3 62.2	3.5 6.2
Sugared whole egg (with 2% or more salt added)	61.1 60.0	3.5 6.2
Plain yolk	60.0	3.5
Sugared yolk (2% or more sugar added)	63.3 62.2	3.5 6.2
Salted yolk (2-12% salt added)	63.3 62.2	3.5 6.2

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(b) Liquid pasteurised whole egg, whole egg blends, fortified whole egg blends, salted whole egg, sugared whole egg, plain yolk, sugared yolk and salted yolk:

For Angara disease

- (i) The Competent Authority has certified the eggs were derived from a country, zone or compartment where Angara disease has not been recognised.
- (c) Liquid pasteurised egg albumen:

For Angara disease

 The Competent Authority has certified the eggs were derived from a country, zone or compartment where Angara disease has not been recognised; and

For avian influenza

- (ii) The Competent Authority has certified the eggs were derived from a country, zone or compartment free from high pathogenicity avian influenza; or
- (iii) The product has undergone a heat treatment in accordance with the *Code* recommendations for inactivation of avian influenza viruses, and reached a core temperature of at least:
 - 1. 55.6°C for at least 870 seconds (14.5 minutes): or
 - 2. 56.7°C for at least 232 seconds (3.9 minutes).
- (5) For specified shelf-stable products containing egg:

I the quality manager, or equivalent, of the manufacturing premises declare that the shelf-stable products containing egg ingredients in this consignment are:

- (a) Mayonnaise and/or salad dressing that contains no more than 20% egg ingredient.
- (b) Alkalised duck or chicken eggs that have been transformed in an alkaline salt to a pH of 10-12 during the curing process.
- (c) Mooncakes containing whole egg that:
 - (i) Do not contain any meat or meat product fillings; and
 - (ii) Reached a core temperature of at least:
 - 1. 60°C for at least 3.5 minutes; or
 - 2. 70°C for at least 2 minutes.
- (d) Non-alcoholic drinks (such as eggnog) containing more than 5% egg yolk and that the egg has undergone a heat treatment where the product reached a core temperature of one of the following for at least:
 - (i) 69°C for at least 30 minutes; or
 - (ii) 80°C for at least 25 seconds; or
 - (iii) 83°C for at least 15 seconds.
- (e) Retorted products and highly heat treated products containing egg that has been subjected to at least Fo3 or equivalent (refer to Schedule 3 of the IHS for time and temperatures to achieve Fo3 or equivalent);
 - (i) the product has reached a core temperature of at least <enter temperature in degrees Celsius> for at least <enter time>

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(6)	For other products containing no more than 5% egg:				
1	the quality manager, or equivalent, of the manufacturing premises declare that the:				
	(a)	Products for export contain no more than 5% egg ingredients.			
(7)	For other products containing more than 5% and less than 21% egg ingredients:				
1		the quality manager, or equivalent, of the manufacturing premises declare that the:			
	(a) Products for export contain more than 5% and less than 21% egg ingredients and have reached a core tem of at least:				
		(i) 60°C for at least 60 minutes; or			
		(ii) 80°C for at least 10 minutes; or			
		(iii) 100°C for at least 5 minutes.			
(8)	For other products containing from 5% to 100% egg:				
1	the quality manager, or equivalent, of the manufacturing premises declare that the:				
	(a)	The Competent Authority has certified the eggs were derived from a country, zone or compartment where Angara disease has not been recognised and the product or egg contained in the product has reached a core temperature of at least:			
		(i) 60°C for at least 3.5 minutes, or			
		(ii) 64° C for at least 2.5 minutes; or			
		(iii) 70°C for at least 2 minutes; or			
	(b) The product has reached a core temperature of at least;				
		(i) 60°C for at least 60 minutes; or			
		(ii) 80°C for at least 10 minutes; or			
		(iii) 100°C for at least 5 minutes.			
Name:					
Signatu	ure:	Date:			
Name:	(a)	(ii) 80°C for at least 10 minutes; or (iii) 100°C for at least 5 minutes. Other products containing from 5% to 100% egg: The Competent Authority has certified the eggs were derived from a country, zone or compartment where Ang disease has not been recognised and the product or egg contained in the product has reached a core temper of at least: (i) 60°C for at least 2.5 minutes; or (ii) 64° C for at least 2 minutes; or The product has reached a core temperature of at least; (i) 60°C for at least 60 minutes; or (ii) 80°C for at least 10 minutes; or (iii) 100°C for at least 5 minutes.			

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Appendix 1 – Document History

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Appendix 2 – Definitions

BACC

Biosecurity Authorisation Clearance Certificate

CTO Direction

Chief Technical Officer (CTO) Direction - equivalent measures recorded by number under section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Act, to enable border staff to clear the goods and record the number in the MPI database.

eBACCa

Electronic Biosecurity Authority Clearance Certification application

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Appendix 3 – Avian Influenza Outbreak Notifications

Until these outbreaks are resolved these countries are unable to declare country freedom from avian influenza. However, zoning/regionalisation arrangements certified by the Competent Authorities are acceptable.

Egg products from the affected countries manufactured in the three weeks prior to notification of these outbreaks until resolution of the outbreaks is notified, that has been certified to be derived from a country free from avian influenza are not eligible for import unless accompanied by a valid permit to import with any appropriate CTO directions listed, or the requirement to direct to an approved transitional facility in New Zealand.

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Country	Date of outbreak	Date outbreak resolved
Austria	09 November 2016	Not yet resolved
Belgium	16 June 2017	29 September 2017
	02 March 2018	Not yet resolved
Bulgaria	17 October 2017	11 February 2018
	19 December 2016	05 June 2017
Croatia	15 March 2017	02 June 2017
Czech Republic	05 January 2017	23 June 2017
Denmark	21 November 2016	22 February 2017
France	24 November 2015	18 October 2017
Germany	11 November 2016	11 August 2017
Greece	12 January 2017	12 May 2017
Hungary	03 November 2016	16 June 2017
Italy	21 January 2017	Not yet resolved
	02 May 2016	20 June 2016
Luxembourg	01 June 2017	Not yet resolved
Netherlands	08 December 2017	10 July 2018
	26 November 2016	16 May 2017
Poland	03 December 2016	20 March 2017
Romania	30 December 2016	27 March 2017
Slovakia	29 December 2016	9 August 2017
Spain	23 February 2017	30 May 2017
Sweden	23 November 2016	01 August 2017
United Kingdom	17 December 2016	13 September 2017
USA	04 March 2017	11 August 2017
	11 January 2016	22 April 2016

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