

<b>Treasurer's Instruction No</b>	<b>1130</b>
Title	<b>Procurement of Chicken Eggs: goods and services</b>
Effective date	<b>30 August 2013</b>
Objective and Background	<b>Details requirements for the purchase of chicken eggs.</b>
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*Black letter (or bold) items within these Instructions are mandatory and other plain font items are instructional or for the purpose of providing guidance only.*

This Treasurer's Instruction supports the Government's regulations issued in July 2013 prescribing national standards for the care and management of poultry by seeking to ensure that Government agencies only purchase chicken eggs where the producer meets acceptable standards.

- (1) **Except for provided in clause (2), this Instruction applies to the procurement of whole eggs (produced commercially) commencing on or after 30 August 2013.**

**The Instruction is to be read in conjunction with other Instructions relating to goods and services which are contained in the 1100 series of the Treasurer's Instructions, and the Instructions relating to confidentiality of contracts contained in the 1400 series.**

For information on building and construction and roads and bridges procurement, refer to the 1200 series of the Treasurer's Instructions.

- (2) **This Instruction does not apply to:**

- **any procurement process for the supply of eggs commenced prior to 30 August 2013;**
- **an existing contract for the supply of eggs entered into prior to 30 August 2013; or**
- **any food products containing eggs as an ingredient.**

For the purpose of clause (2), a procurement process that has commenced means a request for quotation and/or a request for tender issued directly to potential suppliers and/or advertised on the Tenders website before 30 August 2013.

- (3) **In relation to procurement of whole eggs, agencies must:**

- (a) **only purchase non-cage eggs, these being eggs produced in an enclosure as prescribed by clause (5) of the *Animal Welfare (Domestic Poultry) Regulations 2013*; AND**

- (b) ensure the egg producer's management practices achieve, at a minimum, the other standards and principles contained in the *Animal Welfare (Domestic Poultry) Regulations 2013*.

**Where the supplier is not the producer, agencies must ensure that the supplier satisfactorily confirms that the eggs, and the producer of the eggs, comply with the above requirements.**

The standards contained in the *Animal Welfare (Domestic Poultry) Regulations 2013* cover housing requirements, stocking density, and food and water provisions for chickens housed in both cage and non-cage systems. These minimum practices are based on the nationally agreed standards for the care and management of chickens contained in the *Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals - Domestic Poultry, 4<sup>th</sup> edition*.

Further information about the standards, including a link to the Regulations and the latest edition of the Model Code, is located on the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment website at [www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au) > [Biosecurity](#) > [Animal Welfare](#) > [Tasmania's Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines](#).

The procurement request documentation and any resultant contract are to be drafted to give effect to the requirements of this Instruction and Crown Solicitor's advice on appropriate wording should be sought.

Agencies are also strongly encouraged to require contracted caterers, for example school canteen lease holders, to ensure they only purchase whole eggs from producers that meet clause (3) when fulfilling the agency's catering requirements.