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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Original Chapters 507-1 through 507-4 were filed on June 30, 1965 under the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act as Rules in effect in 1965 when the Administrative Procedure Act became effective. For any Rule that has been subsequently amended, repealed or added, the **Administrative History** following the Rule gives the date on which the Rule was filed and the effective date for said Rule. An **Administrative History** will not be found following those Rules that have not been amended since they were initially filed on June 30, 1965.

Rules 507-3-.02(3) through (8) have been repealed and new Rules 507-3-.02(3) through (7) adopted. Filed April 1, 1970; effective April 20, 1970.

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Chapter 507-1. ORGANIZATION.

Rule 507-1-.01. General Provisions.

Wherever the words "The Association" are used herein they shall mean the Georgia Poultry Improvement Association.

(1) Membership in the Association and participation in the National Poultry Improvement Plan or the National Turkey Improvement Plan is voluntary, but each hatchery, dealer or flock owner who desires to become a member shall sign an agreement to be bound by the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association. No member shall have any rights or privileges which are not set out in the charter, by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association.

(2) A member may participate in one or more phases of the program or in both the National Poultry Improvement Plan and the National Turkey Improvement Plan, but separate agreements shall be required for each authority phase in which the member participates.

(3) All regulations of the Association shall supplement the prevailing publication of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and the National Turkey Improvement Plan and auxiliary provisions of the United States Department of Agriculture.

(4) A hatchery member is any person, firm or corporation in good standing, who operates or control hatching equipment for production and sale of baby chicks or turkey poults.

(5) A dealer member is any person, firm or corporation in good standing, other a hatchery, who traffics in buying, selling or trading hatching eggs, baby chicks or turkey poults; or who acts as an agent for other either in whole or part of such transactions.

(6) A flock owner member is any person, firm or corporation in good standing, who maintains a breeding flock of chickens or turkeys in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Plan, and supplies hatching eggs to a participating hatchery or dealer. Nothing, however, shall be construed to require any flock owner to be a member of the Association to be eligible to sell hatching eggs to a participating hatchery or dealer.

(7) Every membership agreement shall be approved by the executive secretary who shall be satisfied that all conditions for membership in the Association have been met. No agreement or renewal of agreement, shall be accepted by the executive secretary unless dues, fees and other accounts with the Association are paid in full to date.

(8) Agreements with hatcheries and dealer shall remain in effect and continue from year to year, unless cancelled or terminated by the member or by the Association.

(9) Approval of flocks shall expire on June 30th of each year, but a reasonable time thereafter shall be allowed to qualify the flock for the current hatching season.

(10) If any membership be terminated or cancelled for violation of the agreement, all existing agreements with the member shall likewise be terminated

(11) All advertising shall be subject to approval by the Georgia Poultry Improvement Association. Such symbols as A, AA, AAA, etc., or star, double star, etc., or similar symbols denoting alleged grades of hatching eggs, baby chicks, or turkey poults shall not be used in advertising.

(12) The executive secretary shall have authority to place any member on probation for violation of advertising regulations. Notice shall be given in writing, copy of which shall be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the state inspector.

(13) The state inspector shall have authority to place on probation any hatchery or dealer for violation of regulations; or to place on probation or reject, or suspend flocks which do not meet the requirements of the Plan.

(14) Notice of probation of any hatchery or dealer shall be made in writing, copy of which shall be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the executive secretary.

(15) Notice of rejection or suspension of any flock shall be given to the flock owner and the hatchery concerned.

(16) A hatchery or dealer may be suspended or debarred from participation in the National Poultry Improvement Plan or the National Turkey Improvement Plan by the action the Board of Directors only.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-1-.01
Authority: Georgia Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.

Chapter 507-2. HATCHERIES AND DEALERS.

Rule 507-2-.01. Limitations.

When more than one hatchery in Georgia is operated by a hatchery member, or more than one store or establishment in Georgia is operated by a dealer member, each such location shall be subject to a separate agreement. However, retail stores operated under the same ownership as a member hatchery, shall be considered normal hatchery outlets and shall not be subject to separate agreements.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-2-.01
Authority: Georgia Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.

Rule 507-2-.02. Membership Dues.

Hatchery and dealer membership dues and fees for the current season, or other accounts with the Association, shall be paid within 30 days from June 30th each year or the membership agreement shall be automatically terminated. Agreements which lapse for non-payment of such fees or accounts shall not be renewed or revived during the current season.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-2-.02
Authority: Georgia Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.

Rule 507-2-.03. Fees.

(1) Hatchery fees shall be based upon the following schedule: hatchery capacity (setting and hatching), 10,000 eggs or less $8.00. Over 10,000 egg capacity, $1.00 increase for each additional 10,000 eggs or fraction thereof with $50.00 as a maximum fee.

(2) A combined fee for both a chicken and turkey hatchery under the same ownership shall be based upon the combined total capacity, plus $1.00.

(3) The fee for a dealer participation shall be $8.00.

(4) All eggs in incubators must be identified as to the producer and/or seller.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-2-.03
Authority: Georgia Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.

Chapter 507-3. FLOCK REQUIREMENTS.

Rule 507-3-.01. Official Testing.

An official test of a breeding flock is one that is made by an official testing agent, in which official leg bands and authorized antigen are used, and the test is made for a member hatchery. A separate flock report is required for each breeding flock on a premise that is officially tested.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-3-.01
Authority: Georgia Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.

Rule 507-3-.02. Reporting, Culling and Testing.

(1) A flock-selecting and pullorum-testing report of every official test shall be forwarded to the state inspector within 7 days from the date that the test is made.

(2) All reactors to a pullorum-typhoid test shall be removed from the farm or disposed of to the satisfaction of the state inspector, within seven (7) days from notification of results of the test, unless disposal of the birds is delayed for bacteriological examination. If bacteriological examination demonstrates positive pullorum-typhoid infection, all reactors must be disposed of promptly as herein provided.

(3) The minimum charge for plate testing and selecting shall be 3 1/2 cents per bird excluding cost of leg bands. Leg bands must be secured from the official state agency through hatcheries or dealer.

(4) Fees and Charges for the following blood tests are:

	Georgia Flocks* Sample Collected By		Out-of-State* Sample Collected By	
	OSA**	Other	OSA**	Other
(a) Pullorum-Typhoid	0	3¢	12¢	5¢
(b) Typhimurium	0	3¢	12¢	10¢
(a) & (b) using sample	3¢	6¢	15¢	10¢
(c) M. Gallisepticum	2¢	4¢	16¢	6¢
(c) using same sample as (a)	4¢	7¢	18¢	11¢
(c) using same sample as (b)	4¢	7¢	18¢	11¢
(c) using same as (a) & (b)	7¢	10¢	21¢	16¢

*Georgia flocks are flocks located in the State or flocks owned by Georgia based firms and located within 500 miles of Oakwood, Georgia. Out-of-state flocks are flocks not owned by Georgia based firms and located outside the State but within 500 miles of Oakwood, Georgia. Charges for flocks located beyond the 500 mile limit will be determined on an individual basis but shall not be less than the charges established for flocks within the 500 mile limit.

**Charges for blood collecting by Official State Agency personnel (OSA) are $7.50 per man/hour for bleeders and banders for all time between arrival at and departure from the farm. Sample collection includes delivery of the samples of the laboratory in Oakwood, Georgia.

(5) Birds may be transferred to a new owner without loss of pullorum-typhoid classification, provided that all requirements for approval are complied with.

(6) When it has been determined that Salmonella Pullorum or Fowl Typhoid exists in a breeder flock currently producing hatching eggs, the flock shall be retested at intervals of not less than 21 days from date of last test until two negative tests are obtained. In the interim, no eggs shall be used from the flock in question for hatching purposes.

(7) The tube agglutination test shall be required for all pullorum-typhoid testing of turkeys.

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Rule 507-3-.03. Qualification.

(1) To qualify under the plan, a participating flock must meet the pullorum-typhoid classification of the hatchery or dealer to which it is supply hatching eggs.

(2) A Ga. U. S. Approved flock shall be any affiliated flock that is participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan or the National Turkey Improvement Plan through an agreement with a Ga. U. S. Approved hatchery or dealer, and is acceptable to the official state agency. Such flocks shall meet the selection requirements of constitutional vigor, absence of serious physical deformities, and display characteristics for meat and/or egg production. In pure-bred flocks the selection shall be consistent with the characteristics of the breed. In cross-bred or cross-mated flocks for broiler chicks, a reasonable tolerance for physical disqualifications, color variation, and defects not seriously interfering with the value for broiler production, may be allowed.

(3) Only one breed, cross-breed, or variety of male and one breed, cross-breed, or variety of female, shall be mated in a Ga. U. S. Approved Flock.

(4) A flock owner wishing to supply hatching eggs to more than one hatchery and/or hatching egg dealer from the same farm or farms, must first qualify as a hatching egg dealer.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-3-.03
Authority: Georgia Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.

Rule 507-3-.04. Turkeys, Other Domestic Fowls.

(1) All turkey eight (8) months of age on a farm, shall be tested to meet the pullorum-typhoid classification of any participating turkey flock, and reported to the official state agency.

(2) All domesticated fowl on a farm other than chickens and turkeys provided for in paragraph (1) above, shall be tested to meet the pullorum-typhoid classification of any participating flock on the farm when they reach maturity or when more than 5 months of age, whichever is first, and reported official state agency.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-3-.04
Authority: Georgia Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.

Rule 507-3-.05. Banding Amended.

(1) Official leg bands and NPIP and NTIP Report Forms, shall be used only in connection with the testing of any flock which is to supply hatching eggs to a participating hatchery or dealer.

(2) All birds which are required to be bloodtested for the purpose of classifying any participating flock shall be officially leg banded at time of testing.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-3-.05
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Chapter 507-4. TESTING AGENTS.

Rule 507-4-.01. Testing Requirements.

(1) The state inspector shall have authority to appoint flock-testing and pullorum-testing agents in accordance with provisions made by the Board of Directors.

(2) Persons employed or connected with a hatchery that does not participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan or the National Turkey Improvement Plan, shall not be qualified to select or test any supply flocks that furnishes hatching eggs to a participating hatchery.

(3) Representatives of feed manufacturers, remedy manufacturers or supply manufacturers allied with the poultry industry, shall not be eligible to qualify as flock-selecting and pullorum-testing agents with the following exceptions, i.e., persons employed by a member hatchery owned or operated by such manufacturing interests may qualify as flock-selecting and pullorum-testing agents to test and select flocks for that hatchery only, and further provided that such persons are regularly employed in the ordinary business of the hatchery.

(4) Flock-selecting and pullorum-testing agents shall be personally responsible for the efficiency of the selecting and testing of every flock for which they sign a report. They shall be responsible for banding birds at the time they are tested and selected; for clipping the tail or wing feathers, or removing leg bands, or other identification of rejected birds and pullorum reactors which may be prescribed. No rejected bird or pullorum reactor shall be left in the flock when the test is completed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-4-.01
Authority: Georgia Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.

Rule 507-4-.02. Penalties.

In case of infraction of pullorum and culling regulations, the state inspector is instructed to place the offending flock-selecting and pullorum-testing agent on probation, or if the violation warrants in the opinion of the state inspector, the agent shall be dismissed. Repeated violation of instructions and regulations shall be cause to consider the work of the flock-selecting and pullorum-testing agent unsatisfactory and appropriate action shall be taken by the state inspector. In case of dismissal, the agent shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors during the current hatching season.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 507-4-.02
Authority: Ga. Laws 1946, pp. 147, 150.