

Malaysia imports eggs from India

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The Malaysian government has imported eggs from India to overcome the shortage of eggs in the country. The first shipment of around 90,000 eggs from Namakkal district Tamil Nadu has reached Malaysia.

Malaysia's Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) has temporarily allowed the import of chicken eggs from other sources and the decision is to be reviewed when the domestic supply stabilises.

Chicken and eggs are part of the staple diet in Malaysia. Shortage of eggs is considered a serious food security issue by the Government of Malaysia.

The Malaysian Government has requested the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to import the eggs.

According to the Malaysian local media, the ministry, through the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) and the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS), has implemented control on the entry of imported chicken eggs at the entry points through the Hold, Test and Release (HTR) examination.

This includes the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test for the detection of Salmonella bacteria, Newcastle Disease virus and Avian Influenza.

The exports are expected to continue once the trial shipment is approved and accepted by Malaysians.