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Due to significantly increased consumer demand for shell eggs and in light of the FDA temporary policy regarding packaging and labeling of shell eggs sold by retail food establishments during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services will likewise waive our current statutory requirements for labeling of packages of eggs sold at retail.

This waiver shall apply only to eggs sourced from a graded and inspected facility and must be identified at the point of sale by a placard that contains the following information. The eggs can be sold in single use cartons or flats.

The placard shall contain the following information:

- Name of Product: "Eggs"
- Applicable consumer Grade
- Applicable size or weight class
- Numerical count of contents
- Name and address of packer or distributor
- Safe handling instructions as indicated below:

**SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS:** To prevent illness from bacteria: keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Reardon /s/  
Assistant Commissioner