

Subj: Muscovy

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Dear Mr.Hragesheimer:

I would only recommend Muscovy hatching eggs as the day olds do not travel well. The eggs are half the price of the ducklings. So the eggs would be \$1.20 for 60-119 eggs, \$1.12 for 120-299 eggs, \$.95 for 300-749 eggs. Postage would be in addition and a health certificate would be \$30.00. As the eggs do not start development until they are placed in an incubator, they can be kept at room temperature until you begin incubation (by incubator or broody hen) in Honduras.

I agree that Muscovy are very self sufficient and should be good in rural areas.

**Thank you,
John Metzer**

Ken:

The health certificate is normally required by the importing country. It is not required of me to export. Sometimes it is also required by the airline to insure they don't get stuck with the animals at the destination once it is discovered there is not health certificate. If you are transporting the eggs yourself to a country that may not have any restrictions, you could try without one. I wouldn't recommend it but that is your decision. I am not making any money on the health certificate - actually I lose several dollars after I pay my vet and the federal government.

Hope this answers your questions.

John Metzger