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China: Further information on Chinese requirements for imported food and overseas food establishments from 1 January 2022

Att.	Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry bodies – AMIC, AUS-MEAT, MLA, AMPC, APL, RWTA Export Establishments Licensed exporters
	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central and regional offices ATMs and FOMs OPVs and meat inspection staff Veterinary and Export Meat Group Audit and Assurance Group Food Export Documentation
	Other	State regulatory authorities
Affected Markets		China
Related market access advice		MAA2129
Further Information		Contact exportstandards@agriculture.gov.au if you have any queries.

Further to MAA2129, which informed food processing and storage establishments of new Chinese registration requirements, the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (department) has received further information regarding the new registration processes for overseas food establishments, including storage facilities. This information has come from the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China (GACC).

Importantly, the department understands that existing registration and listing processes for **meat, dairy and seafood** establishments will continue post 1 January 2022. There is no further action for these establishments at this time, where they are already listed with GACC.

Food establishments (including storage facilities) requiring department recommendation for registration with GACC

The Department will soon request information from all food processing and independent storage facilities, exporting to China, to assist with the registration of establishments that process or handle Article 7 foods.

These foods are *casings, bee products, eggs and egg products, edible fats and oils, stuffed wheaten food, edible grains, milled grain products and malt, fresh-kept/ preserved and dehydrated vegetables and dry beans, condiments and seasonings, nuts and seeds, dry fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa beans, food for special dietary uses, health/ functional foods.*

Further description of these foods is provided in [Attachment 1](#).

The required information for the department to recommend an establishment for registration is also provided in [Attachment 1](#). The department will require this information for registration and

establishments will be advised about how to provide this information to the department shortly. The requested information will need to be provided within a tight timeframe (may be as soon as 23 October 2021) in order to complete Australia's submission by 30 October 2021 and ensure that the registration process is completed by 1 January 2022. Late submissions may encounter delays in being registered and additional information may be required to support the registration process.

It is highly recommended that establishments start gathering this information immediately.

Unclear on whether a food is an Article 7 food?

Where an establishment has reviewed the descriptions of Article 7 foods in [Attachment 1](#) and are still not clear on whether the food that they process, pack or store is an Article 7 food, it is advisable to proceed with your registration as an Article 7 food and comply with these requirements.

Food establishments (including storage facilities) requiring self-registration with GACC

Food establishments (and storage facilities) for all foods that do not have established registration processes for exports to China and are not listed under Article 7 of Decree 248 need to self-register. The department has been notified that GACC has established a 'single window service system' which is an online registration platform for establishments producing and exporting foods which fall under Article 9 of Decree 248 (foods not listed under Article 7). This registration process may either be completed by the food facilities or through the importer or an agent.

[Attachment 2](#) provides a guide on how facilities can register using GACC's 'single window service system'. The department encourages applicable facilities to register as soon as possible.

Next steps

Food establishments (including storage facilities) requiring department recommendation for registration with GACC are to prepare required information and await further instructions from the department.

Food establishments (including storage facilities) requiring self-registration with GACC are encouraged to complete as quickly as possible the online registration process through the 'single window service system'.

Further advice will be provided for industries and exporters by the department when information is available.

The information provided in this advice is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.

Attachment 1: Information required by the department and descriptions of food listed in Article 7 of Decree 248

Information required to support your application for registration with GACC

- Registered product category – which Article 7 food group or groups do you process and/or store.
- Registration number – the registration, license or notification number issued to your establishment by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment or your state/territory government authority.
- Business details including business name, ABN/ACN, name and contact details.
- Documented evidence of food safety management system*.
 - State or territory food business registration/vlicence, or
 - Certificate of third-party accreditation to a food safety system (for example, HACCP, SQF, Freshcare).

*If unable to provide either of the above, contact the department via exportstandards@agriculture.gov.au to discuss other options.
- Physical address of the processing or storage establishment, as well as an administration address (if different from physical address).
- Type of establishment – PP processor, CS cold store or DS dry store.
- Product and trade information – list of all food products being exported to China, their HS codes (8-10 digits) and date of the last consignment exported to China.

Descriptions of food listed in Article 7

Food	Description
1. Casings:	It refers to animal tissues that are salted or dried on the retained parts by using organs such as small intestine, large intestine and bladder of healthy livestock, after special processing such as scraping and de-oiling, and is the casing for sausage.
2. Bee products:	Natural sweet substances made from nectar, secretions or honeydew of plants collected by honeys and mixed with their own secretions, as well as edible substances formed naturally or made by special techniques during reproduction and reproduction, including royal jelly, royal jelly powder, honey pollen, royal jelly freeze-dried powder, etc.
3. Egg and Egg products:	Egg products include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <u>Liquid egg products</u>: Egg products made from fresh eggs after shelling and processing, such as whole egg liquid, egg yolk liquid and protein liquid. (b) <u>Dried egg products</u>: Egg products made from fresh eggs by shelling, processing, desugaring, drying and other processes, such as whole egg powder, egg yolk powder and protein powder. (c) <u>Frozen egg products</u>: Egg products made from fresh eggs by shelling, processing and freezing, such as frozen whole eggs, frozen egg yolk, ice protein, etc; (d) <u>Remanufactured egg</u>: Egg products processed by different processes such as salt, alkali, distiller's grains and brine with or without auxiliary materials, such as preserved egg, salted egg, salted egg yolk and etc.
4. Edible fats and oils:	Edible fat refers to the vegetable oil and from edible vegetable oil for processing or consumption, and single products or mixtures of vegetable fat processed by one or more methods of refining and fractionation. Edible oil refers to the seeds of oil plants used for extracting edible vegetable oil, mainly including peanut and sesame for oil.
5. Stuffed pastry products:	Refer to cooked or uncooked frozen products made with various raw materials as fillings and wheat flour as skins, such as steamed stuffed buns, jiaozi or pies.
6. Edible grains:	Refer to the seeds, roots and tuber products of cultivated plants such as cereals and potatoes, mainly including edible products of gramineous herbaceous seeds after rough processing, such as rice, oats and sorghum.
7. Milled grain industry products and malt:	Refer to fine powdery products in which seeds, roots and tubers of cultivated plants such as cereals, potatoes, fruits and nuts are ground and screened for edible powder, or malt products formed after hydrolysis processing.

Food	Description
8. Fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans:	Refer to fresh vegetables or dried vegetable products processed by fresh-keeping, dehydration, drying and other drying processes and dried beans.
9. Unroasted coffee beans and cocoa beans	
10. Condiments:	Refer to natural plant products such as plant fruits, seeds, flowers, roots, stems, leaves, skins or whole plants, which can be used directly with the functions of fragrant, flavouring and seasoning.
11. Nuts and seeds:	Nuts refer to the seeds of woody plants with hard shells, including walnuts, chestnuts, apricot kernels, almond kernels, pecans, pistachios, torreyia grandis, Hawaiian fruits and pine seeds. Seeds refer to the seeds of melons, fruits, vegetables and other plants, including watermelon seeds and pumpkin seeds.
12. Dried fruits:	Refer to the dried fruit products made from fresh fruits by sun drying, drying and other dehydration processes
13. Food for special dietary purpose:	<p>(a) <u>Soybased infant formula</u>: Refers to soy and soy protein products as the main raw material, adding the right amount of vitamins, minerals and / or other ingredients, using only physical methods of production and processing made suitable for normal infants and young children to eat liquid or powder products.</p> <p>(b) <u>Special medical use formula</u>: In order to meet the eating restrictions, digestive and absorption disorders, metabolic disorders or specific disease states of people with special needs for nutrients or diet, specially processed and formulated formula. Such products must be under the guidance of a doctor or clinical nutritionist, eaten alone or in conjunction with other foods.</p> <p>(c) <u>Infant and toddler complementary foods</u>: Including infant and toddler canned complementary foods and infant and toddler cereal complementary foods. Infant and toddler filling supplements are food materials processed, filling, sealing, sterilization or aseptic filling to commercial sterility, can be stored at room temperature for infants and toddlers over 6 months of age; infant and toddler cereal supplements are one or more cereals as the main raw material, and cereals account for more than 25% of the dry matter composition, add the appropriate amount of nutritional fortification and (or) other auxiliary ingredients, made by processing The supplementary food suitable for infants and toddlers above 6 months of age.</p> <p>(d) <u>Others (supplemental nutritional supplements, sports nutrition food, etc.)</u>: Other to meet the special physical or physiological conditions and (or) to meet the special dietary needs of disease, disorders and other states, specially processed or formulated food.</p>
14. Functional food:	Claim and have a specific health function or to supplement vitamins, minerals for the purpose of food. That is, suitable for consumption by a specific group of people, has the function of regulating the body, not for the purpose of treating disease, and does not produce any acute, subacute or chronic harm to the human body food.

Attachment 2: Instructions for registration of businesses under Article 9 of GACC Decree 248 to fill online single window application form

Step 1: The website to the form can be found through the following link

https://app.singlewindow.cn/userserver/user/userEtpsRegister/choseRgtWay?service=https%3A%2F%2Fswapp.singlewindow.cn%2Fdesksrver%2Fj_spring_cas_security_check

This link will take you to the below page. Click on the blue globe for overseas establishment registration as shown by the red arrow.



Step 2: After clicking on the blue globe, a new page will appear (refer below). This is the online application form.

Step 3: Fill in the form (below is the unofficial translation of the form).

境外账号注册 Overseas account registration

账号信息 Account information

- *用户名 Username (6-18 digits of English letters, or letters combined with numbers)
- *密码 Password (6 to 16 digits of lower-or higher-case letters with numbers and symbols)
- *确认密码 Password confirmation
- *所在国家或地区 Located country or region
- *工作单位 Work organisation
- 工作部门 Work division in the organisation
- 工作职务 Work position
- *联系人 Contact person
- *联系电话 Contact phone
- 联系传真 Contact fax
- 联系手机 Contact mobile phone
- *联系地址 Contact address
- *联系邮箱 Contact email
- 备注 Remark
- 立即注册 Submit the form immediately

Step 4: Once registered successfully you will be automatically directed to the below logon platform.
https://app.singlewindow.cn/cas/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fapp.singlewindow.cn%2Fuserserver%2Fj_spring_cas_security_check

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China International Trade Single Window
账户登录 | 卡介质

用户名
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Step 5: Fill out login platform details (below is an unofficial translation of the logon platform).

中国国际贸易单一窗口 China International Trade Single Window		
用户名 Username		
密码 Password		
验证码 Verification code (If the code on the right side cannot be seen clearly, please click it to change for a new code)		
登录 Logon		
立即注册 Register immediately	忘记密码 Forgot password?	忘记用户名 Forgot username?
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Once login is completed, there are no more steps for users and you are successfully registered. GACC may use the logon platform to request users to provide extra information or provide further guidance on next steps at a later date.