

GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



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TOPIC: 2022-59 Plant Export Operations – Updated application process for registration of food processing and storage facilities handling food products for export to China

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1. Status Update

Plant Export Operations – Updated application process for registration of food processing and storage facilities handling food products for export to China

2. Summary of changes and key points

- The advice in this notice updates information provided in [IAN 2021-67](#).
- The information in this notice is specific to new applications for accounts to be created for registration as a food exporter with GACC.
- Food facility registration is required for the export of the following plant products to China:
 - Oilseed
 - Edible grains
 - Milled grain industry products and malt
 - Fresh vegetables and dried beans
 - Unroasted coffee beans and cocoa beans
 - Nuts and seeds
- Products listed as requiring a registration must have market access to China to be able to be approved.

- The food facility registration and registration requirements for China do not apply to:
 - fresh fruit orchards, fresh fruit packhouses and fresh fruit storage facilities.
 - unprocessed wheat, barley and canola.
- Applications must be submitted to the Grain Cifer registrations Team for assessment and recommendation to GACC for registration.
- ACC must approve the application and register the facility before food products can be exported to China.
- GACC have specified labelling requirements for exported food products.

3. Application Process

- The person in management and control of the processing or storage facility handling food products for export to China will need to complete the application.
- All facilities carrying out final processing steps or final storage prior to export must complete an application.
- A separate application must be submitted for each physical facility (location).
- Complete the application form 'GSEP/HEP application for food processing and storage facilities handling product being exported to China' provided at **Attachment 1**.
- Acceptable documentary evidence of food safety management system must be provided to support the application. Examples of acceptable documentary evidence includes:
 - a state, territory or local council food business registration, licence, notification or accreditation number
 - certification of third-party accredited food safety management system (for example, HACCP, BRC, SQF, Freshcare, GlobalGAP, ISO 22000)
 - a department Registered Export Establishment certificate.
- Submit the completed application form and documentary evidence of your food safety management system by email to the [Grain Cifer registrations team](#).
- Refer to **Attachment 2** for further guidance on applying to be registered as a food processing or storage facility handling Article 7 products.

4. Labelling Requirements

- Food products must have a label on inner packaging (smallest sale unit) and outer packaging (transport packaging) with either the facility's
 - competent authority issued registration number (that is, your department establishment number) or
 - GACC issued registration number
- The registration number can be affixed using a stick-on/adhesive label for all food products, except foods for special dietary uses and health foods.
- GACC have reiterated that the 'China registration number' should be included on both inner and outer packaging labels.
- we have received advice that there is no set format for product labels, except that the labelling must be presented in a way that is easily distinguishable by Chinese customers.
- GACC have confirmed that the storage facility registration number is not required on the label. Only the food processing facility registration number should appear on the inner and outer label.

Note: The processing facility registration number on the label should be consistent with any other documentation or certification where the number has been provided

5. Background

Background information on this notice can be found in [IAN 2021-41](#), [IAN 2021-52](#), [IAN 2021-53](#), [IAN 2021-55](#), [IAN 2021-58](#) and [IAN 2021-67](#).

Information regarding China's new requirements for imported food is also published at [Have Your Say China's new requirements for imported food](#).