

GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



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TOPIC: China – Regulations on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food

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Issue

- The People's Republic of China has approved draft Regulations on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food (Degree 248), and they will enter into force on January 1, 2022.
- Once implemented, the measure will require that **all overseas food manufacturers, processors, and storage facilities be registered with the Chinese authorities to enable export of product to China**. The measure covers all food products (e.g., whole grain and processed products) except food additives.
- Depending on the product category, food producers and storers must register with the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) either
 - a) through the competent authority of the exporting country; or
 - b) directly and/or through a private agent.

Discussion

- There will be some key changes you will need to be aware of as we transition to the new China legislation. GTA's interpretation of this new Regulation is that **all storage sites** that may hold grain and oilseeds for export to China **must be registered with GACC**. The legislation commences as of 1 January 2022.
- How the new Regulation is to apply and **what processes will be required are not clear**. Similarly, how it works in with existing export arrangements already established with China is unknown.
- GTA will hold discussions with the Department of Agriculture, Water & the Environment (DAWE) to establish its role (and coverage as the competent authority of the exporting country) and the steps that industry participants are to follow.
- This consultation with DAWE process is anticipated to provide a better understanding of the scope of the Chinese Regulation and the steps Australian grain supply chain participants and other exporters must follow to be compliant. As soon as these steps are clarified GTA will provide further advice to industry.

Further Information

Contact GTA to seek further information on any of the above issues.

Following are Links to the new GACC Regulation:

- ***Measures for Regulation on Registration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food***
GACC Order No 248
<http://www.customs.gov.cn/customs/302249/2480148/3619591/index.html>
- ***Administration of Imported and Exported Food Safety***
GACC Order No 249
<http://www.customs.gov.cn/customs/302249/2480148/3619657/index.html>

For additional information please see [GAIN Report to a USDA](#) information release and to previous [GTA correspondence to DAWE](#) highlighting concerns with the GACC Regulation changes.