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Report Highlights:

Exporters are encouraged to verify that their suppliers, production, and/or cold storage facilities are registered with the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) prior to shipping food and agricultural products to the People's Republic of China (PRC). If the shipment is detained due to a registration issue, FAS may not be able to facilitate clearing detained shipments. U.S. government agencies are working with the PRC to minimize burdens arising from various registration requirements enumerated in PRC GACC Decree 248. Exporters of U.S. meat, poultry, dairy, and seafood products should continue following procedures outlined by relevant U.S. food safety regulators (i.e., FSIS and FDA).

NOTE: The following notice does not apply to U.S. exporters of meat, poultry, dairy, and seafood products. Exporters of those products should continue following procedures for exporting to China as outlined by relevant U.S. food safety regulators: [FSIS](#) and [FDA](#).

Background:

Due to uncertainties in implementation of Decree 248 by the General Administration of Customs (GACC) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), exporters may wish to verify that their relevant production or cold storage facilities are registered with GACC prior to shipping, and that this registration covers the products intended to be exported to China, including all relevant Harmonized Tariff System (HS) and Customs, Inspection, and Quarantine (CIQ) codes. **If a product that is outside the scope of a facility's registration arrives in the PRC, or a product is shipped before GACC approves the registration, the exporter should expect that it will be detained at port.**

If a shipment is detained, please refer to the instructions in [Clearing Detained Shipments Unofficial Guidance](#). Firms consolidating shipments from multiple facilities should ensure that each supplying facility is registered to export their constituent products within the shipment, and that product packaging carries appropriate facility-specific labeling.

If the shipment is detained due to a registration issue, FAS may not be able to help clear the shipment. In addition, GACC has not provided any timeline for registration of new facilities in CIFER. U.S. government agencies are working with China to minimize burdens arising from Decree 248 and allow trade to continue to flow without such hinderances.

For a listing of products covered by Decree 248, please see the attachment in this [GAIN report](#). The list indicates those products for which GACC requires facilities to be registered by a competent authority, and those that can self-register as of April 2023. Note: GACC occasionally adds or amends the HS and CIQ codes that require facility registration and exporters should ensure that their registrations are current and include the latest HS and CIQ combinations.

For assistance with detained shipments, please refer to the link above or contact: AgBeijing@usda.gov

For general information regarding Decree 248, please contact: Decree248Inquiry@usda.gov

For assistance with products regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, please contact: cfsanexportcertification@fda.hhs.gov

Attachments:

No Attachments.