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Report Highlights:

On January 3, 2025, the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China (GACC) published a notice soliciting public comments on the “Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food (Draft for Comments).” The regulations amend previous registration requirements related to GACC Decree 248. The comment period closes February 19, 2025. The amendment has not been published with the World Trade Organization as of January 7, 2025.

Background

On January 3, 2025, GACC published a [notice](#) (*link in Chinese*) soliciting public comments on the “Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food (Draft for Comments).” The draft regulation aims to update the Regulations on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food (Decree 248), which was implemented on January 1, 2022, by expanding the process by which some countries can submit facility registrations. The draft amending regulation states that Decree 248 will be repealed when the new regulation goes into effect.

The following summary provides some of the changes between Decree 248 and the draft amending regulation:

- **Remove:** Article 5.1 (existing) “The food safety management system of the country/region where the producer is located (“country/region”) has passed GACC’s equivalence assessment or review”
- **Add:** Article 6-8 (draft) on system recognition.
- **Combine:** Articles 6-9 (existing) into Article 9 and 11 (draft) on enterprise applications.
- **Remove:** “within three to six months” from Article 21 (draft) on registration renewal.
- **Add:** Article 28 (draft) on exemptions from registrations.

The unofficial translation of the January 3 announcement is below, along with unofficial translations of the three annex attachments: 1. Provision Notes, 2. Revised Draft Decree 248 Regulation, and 3. Catalog of Foods that Require Official Recommendation Registration. For the original Decree 248 regulation, please see [GAIN Report CH2021-0045: Overseas Facilities Registration Regulation - Decree 248](#).

All interested parties, both foreign and domestic, can submit comments on the draft regulations until February 19, 2025.

U.S. exporters and export facilities can send questions regarding this notified regulation to the following email address.

Email: Decree248Inquiry@usda.gov

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Notice of the General Administration of Customs on the Administrative Provisions of the People's Republic of China on the Registration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food (Draft for Comments) for public comment

In order to thoroughly implement the "four strictest" requirements of General Secretary Xi Jinping's food safety, further supervise the source of imported food, and promote the safety of imported food, the General Administration of Customs intends to optimize and improve the current registration and management system for overseas production enterprises of imported food, and revise and form the "Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Production Enterprises of Imported Food (Draft for Comments)", which is now open to the public for comments. The public can provide feedback through the following channels and methods:

1. Log in to the website of the General Administration of Customs (website: <http://www.customs.gov.cn>) and enter the "Home > Information Disclosure > > for Soliciting Opinions" system to submit comments.
2. E-mail: Cifer@customs.gov.cn
3. Mailing address: Import and Export Food Safety Bureau, General Administration of Customs, No. 6, Jianguomen Nei Street, Beijing, postal code: 100730, please indicate "Suggestions on the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food (Draft for Comments)".

Feedback is open from January 3 to February 19, 2025.

Annex:

1. [Provisions of the PRC on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food \(Draft for Comments\)](#) (Link in Chinese)
2. [Amendment to the Regulations of the PRC on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food \(GACC Decree 248\)](#) (Link in Chinese)
3. [The Food Catalog Requiring Official Recommendation Registration Letter \(Draft for Comments\)](#) (Link in Chinese)

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Appendix I: Helpful Resources for U.S. Exporters

Decree 248

[GACC Official Website](#)

[Decree 248 Original Announcement](#)

[Decree 248 Translation](#)

[CIFER Site for Registration](#)

[CIFER Site for Verification of Registered Companies](#)

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[Decree 248 Product List Update – November 2024](#)

[Decree 248 Guidance for US Exporters](#)

[Introduction to Facility Registration Under Decree 248](#)

[Decree 248 Changes and the June 30 Deadline](#)

[Information for Industry Regarding Decree 248 and CIFER](#)

[Notice on Fake Registration Portals - Decree 248](#)

[Decree 248 Unofficial Self-Registration Guide for Overseas Food Facilities](#)

Food and Drug Administration

[FDA Notice on Decree 248](#)

[Food Export Lists](#)

[Online Applications for Export Lists](#)

[FDA FEI Search Portal](#)

[Video on ELM Process](#)

USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Export Library for China](#)

Attachments:

[Provision Notes.pdf](#)

[Revised Draft Decree 248 Regulation.pdf](#)

[Catalog of Foods that Require Official Recommendation Registration.pdf](#)