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Report Highlights:

China's State General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) revised its approved national imported fruit variety and country/region list on September 13, 2004. The list, updated regularly on the AQSIQ website, indicates fruit varieties that eligible for legal importation into China along with the approved fruit country/region origin. The list indicates certain U.S. apples, cherries, citrus, and grapes are eligible for import into China. This version, updating GAIN report CH4029, now includes South Africa origin citrus and some additional tropical fruits from Thailand. China has not notified these changes to the WTO.

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Executive Summary

China's AQSIQ and the affiliated Customs, Inspection, and Quarantine (CIQ) offices are responsible for inspection and approval of imported fruits and other goods entering China. The AQSIQ Division of Plant Quarantine manages and updates the list after the approval and identification of work plans or risk mitigation efforts. The following list updates the approved fruit entry list published in GAIN report CH4029. U.S. apples, cherries, citrus, and grapes from certain states or geographic regions remain eligible for export to China. This updated list adds South African origin citrus and some Thailand origin tropical fruit for entry into China. China has not notified these changes to the WTO. China notified some of the pre-existing fruits and locations in its WTO accession protocol.

AQSIQ updates the list frequently and publishes the information in Chinese on its website in an effort to provide greater transparency to its affiliated CIQ offices and to fruit traders. The website is:

http://www.aqsiq.gov.cn/cms/template/channel_dzwjy.html?cid=1749

Exporters of U.S. fruits are encouraged to visit the website frequently, work with importers, and to contact either the local CIQ offices in China, or their local APHIS officers to determine the requirements for fruit export to China.

Imported Fruit Variety and Country/Region Eligibility List

Fruit Variety (Chinese Pinyin)	Exporting Country/Region (as of September 13, 2004)
Apples	U.S. (restricted by variety and origin), New Zealand, Chile (districts 6, 7, 8, and 9), Australia (Tasmania), France (restricted by variety and origin), Japan
Cherries	U.S. (Washington, Idaho, Oregon), New Zealand,
Citrus-Tangerines/Satsuma/Mandarins	U.S. (parts of California, Florida, Arizona, Texas), New Zealand, Thailand, Uruguay, South Africa
Citrus-Oranges	U.S. (parts of California, Florida, Arizona, Texas), New Zealand, Thailand, Uruguay, South Africa
Citrus-Grapefruit/Pomello	U.S. (parts of California, Florida, Arizona, Texas), Thailand, Uruguay, South Africa, Taiwan
Citrus-Lemons/Limes	U.S. (parts of California, Florida, Arizona, Texas), New Zealand, Uruguay, South Africa
Grapes	U.S. (parts of California), Chile (districts 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9), New Zealand
Pears	New Zealand, Japan
Plum (Li)	New Zealand
Plum/Prune (Mei)	New Zealand
Kiwi	New Zealand, Chile (districts 6, 7, 8, and 9)
Durian	Thailand
Longyan	Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Burma
Mangosteen (Shan Zhu)	Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Burma
Pineapple	Thailand, Philippines
(Ren Shen Guo)	Thailand
Bananas/Plantains	Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Ecuador, Columbia, Costa Rica, Panama
Passion Fruit (Xi Fan Lian)	Thailand
Lychee or Litchi	Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Burma
Coconut	Thailand, Malaysia
Custard Apple (Fan Li Zhi)	Thailand

Fruit Variety (cont'd)	Eligible Fruit Country/Region (Cont'd)
Watermelon	Thailand, Malaysia
Tamarinds (Luo Wang Zi)	Thailand
Papaya	Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines
Carambola (Yang Tao)	Thailand, Taiwan
Mango	Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Taiwan
Guava (Fan Shi Liu)	Thailand
(Hong Mao Dan)	Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Burma
(Lian Wu)	Thailand, Taiwan
Dragon Fruit? (Huo Long Guo)	Vietnam
Jack Fruit (Bo Luo Mi)	Vietnam, Thailand
Snake Fruit? Salacca edulis salak (She Guo)	Thailand
(Yan Se Guo)	Thailand
Betel Nut (Bing Lang)	Taiwan
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