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**Report Highlights:**

This report contains unofficial guidance issued by the Office of Agricultural Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China for U.S. exporters that experience difficulties with having their products receive customs clearance due to facility registration issues created by General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) Decree 248.

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**Background:**

The FAS China office has observed an increase in shipments detained at Chinese ports in recent weeks because of issues related to the implementation of GACC Decree 248 and the varying application of the decree requirements at Chinese ports of entry. The most common reasons exporters and importers are reporting that their shipments are detained include: 1) having a Chinese facility registration number that is for a different commodity class than the one being imported and, 2) that a product was produced or shipped before GACC added it to the list of products requiring registration. (Note: GACC continues to amend the products that are subject to the requirements of Decree 248).

GACC has worked with the FAS China office along with Chinese importers to release some shipments detained due to Decree 248 registration issues. Exporters are strongly encouraged to consult with their importers to ensure that their facilities are properly registered for their product before shipping. Detailed information on the decree and its scope can be found in the reports listed on the next page.

**If you have a Stuck Shipment:**

If you are unable to clear a shipment of food and agricultural products subject to Decree 248 that originated from the United States, please contact: [Decree248inquiry@usda.gov](mailto:Decree248inquiry@usda.gov) and [AgBeijing@usda.gov](mailto:AgBeijing@usda.gov). Please include as much of the information listed below in your message as possible. Because we generally contact importers to try to resolve the issue and get details, the contact information for the importer is probably the most important piece of information.

- U.S. Facility Name and Address as Listed in the GACC Single Window
- Facility FDA Establishment Identifier (or, FEI number)
- GACC Chinese Registration Number as Listed in the GACC Single Window
- Product Name and GACC Product Category
- Date of Manufacture
- Harmonized System (HS) and GACC Quarantine Codes
- Container Number(s) and Port(s) of Entry where Product is Presented for Customs Clearance
- Import Declaration Application Number and/or the Refusal Number
- Recommend Importer Point of Contact Name and Cell or Phone Number and other Contact Details

## **Prior Reports:**

FAS China has published the following reports on Decrees 248 and 249 to inform and educate U.S. food and agricultural stakeholders.

- [Decree 248 Additions to List of Items Subject to Decree 248 - February 28, 2022](#)
- [GACC Updates Decree 248 Product List - February 5, 2022](#)
- [Verifying Decree 248 Facility Registration Information - January 17, 2022](#)
- [Decree 248 Single Window Searchable Database and Jan 1 Shipment Information - December 23, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Single Window Operation Manuals and Tutorial – December 22, 2021](#)
- [Decrees 248 and 249 – January 1 Implementation \[Public Notice 103\] – December 14, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 – FDA Constituent Update – December 8, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Single Window User Manual and Training – November 30, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 HS Codes Published in GACC Single Window – November 30, 2021](#)
- [Informing Industry and Supporting Trade Facilitation as China Implements Decrees 248 and 249 – November 10, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Information Update – November 19, 2021](#)
- [GACC Issues Interpretation of Decree 248 - November 6, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Foreign Facilities Self-Registration Website Launched - November 3, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Unofficial Self-Registration Guide for Overseas Food Facilities - November 2, 2021](#)
- [Notes from Information Sessions on GACC Decrees 248 and 249 - October 22, 2021](#)
- [GACC Issues Explanatory Letter on Decree 248 - October 8, 2021](#)
- [Interpretative Guidance on Imported Food Labeling Requirements in Decree 249 - August 13, 2021](#)
- [Decrees 248 and 249 Status Update on Facilities Registration and Food Safety Measures - May 25, 2021](#)
- [Administrative Measures on Import and Export Food Safety - Decree 249 - May 7, 2021](#)
- [Overseas Facilities Registration Regulation - Decree 248 - April 20, 2021](#)
- [China Notified the Draft Administrative Measures on Import and Export Food Safety - December 11, 2020](#)
- [China Notifies Revised Overseas Facilities Registration Regulations as TBT 1522 - December 2, 2020](#)
- [China Released Draft Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported Foods - December 6, 2019](#)

## **Attachments:**

No Attachments.