

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

**Date:** December 01, 2021

**Report Number:** CH2021-0150

**Report Name:** Decree 248 HS Codes Published in GACC Single Window

**Country:** China - People's Republic of

**Post:** Beijing

**Report Category:** Administrative, Agricultural Situation, Agriculture in the Economy, Agriculture in the News, Beverages, Citrus, Coffee, Dairy and Products, Fishery Products, FAIRS Subject Report, Avocado, Canned Deciduous Fruit, Dried Fruit, Fresh Deciduous Fruit, Fresh Fruit, Kiwifruit, Raisins, Stone Fruit, Strawberries, Grain and Feed, Livestock and Products, MISC-Commodity, Oilseeds and Products, Potatoes and Potato Products, Poultry and Products, Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety, Tomatoes and Products, Sugar, Tree Nuts, Vegetables, Wine

**Prepared By:** Alan Hallman

**Approved By:** Adam Branson

**Report Highlights:**

On November 30, FAS China downloaded a list of Harmonized System (HS) codes from the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) Single Window website that reportedly represent the scope of commodities covered by Decree 248. The list of HS codes and data cells has been updated by GACC several times over the past ten days and other changes are anticipated as GACC makes "system improvements" to the Single Window website. U.S. facilities are encouraged to review the list at its original location inside the GACC Single Window website and determine whether they need to register and/or contact GACC with questions.

## **Background:**

The attached list of HS codes reportedly illustrates the scope of products covered by GACC Decree 248. The attached list was pulled from the GACC [E-government Platform \(singlewindow.cn\)](http://singlewindow.cn) website on November 30, 2021. As of November 30, it is unclear whether the list of HS codes in the attached is complete. Since HS codes were first included on November 19 in the “singlewindow.cn” website, GACC has updated the data cells and fields associated with the HS code list several times as it makes “system improvements” to its website.

While the list specifies, by HS code, which facilities require a registration “recommendation” by a competent authority, and which facilities can be self-registered, some facilities may meet the registration requirements under bilateral agreements as allowed in the text of Decree 248. Too, though some HS codes are listed in the rows of the attached list, facilities may not need to register if the product they are manufacturing or exporting to China is outside of the Product Category, Product Name, and Inspection and Quarantine Description included on the list. For example, although the HS code 0805100000 for “Oranges, Fresh or Dried” is included on the list, the GACC information in the Product Category indicates that only those facilities handling “Oranges, Fresh or Dried” that have also been “candied” or “sweetened” need to self-register. In other words, facilities handling “regular” oranges are not required to register with the GACC Import and Export Food Safety Bureau as part of the Decree 248 requirements.

If a U.S. or overseas manufacturer finds the HS codes of products that they handle in the attached list of HS codes, the company should endeavor to translate the remaining data rows and columns relevant to their respective products to better understand if their product is included on the list. For example, though the attached list has 5000 rows of data provided, it does not include 5000 unique HS codes. In the instance of the HS Code 12119039999 which is included on this list, there are 180 distinctions for the HS code as there are slight differences in the details of the Inspection and Quarantine Description of the product. As such, concerned facilities should approach the information on this list and make every attempt to understand the information provided and what is requested.

If the facility still has questions about registration, the facility is encouraged to contact GACC with questions and provide the necessary detail that could distinguish product descriptions, product name, and product category. In a letter to the U.S. Embassy (see GACC Issues Explanatory Letter on Decree 248 in the linked GAIN report, below), GACC provided the following contact points for inquiries on Decree 248:

Contacts: Ding Tianjian and Shang Kaiyuan

Phone: 86 15900270722; 86 10-65194443

Fax: 86 10-65194715

Email: [shipinjuychu@customs.gov.cn](mailto:shipinjuychu@customs.gov.cn) [division\\_registration@customs.gov.cn](mailto:division_registration@customs.gov.cn)

Additionally, if a facility attempts to self-register and encounters difficulties or has any questions about requested data fields/cells in the “Single Window” website, the facility is encouraged to contact GACC so that additional “system improvements” can be made.

FAS China has published the following reports on Decrees 248 and 249 to inform and educate U.S. food and agricultural stakeholders. The first report listed is a guide to GACC's self-registration website.

- [Decree 248 Unofficial Self-Registration Guide for Overseas Food Facilities - November 2, 2021](#)
- [GACC Issues Interpretation of Decree 248 - November 6, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Foreign Facilities Self-Registration Website Launched - November 3, 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](#)

The attached spreadsheet contains two “tabs” of information. The first tab is the data and information that has been pulled from the [E-government Platform \(singlewindow.cn\)](#) on November 30, 2021. The second tab contains some manipulation by FAS China to provide information about product categories in English that was conducted with a “machine” translation of the Chinese text along with some simple cross references to HS codes that are harmonized at the six-digit level. Please note that the Chinese HS code details provided at the 10-digit level in tabs one and two are unique to China and exporters may not know or be aware of the HS codes being used in China. As such, FAS China recommends facilities practice their own due diligence with the material, check the Single Window website regularly and endeavor to understand the information requested and provided in Chinese.

**Attachments:**

[211130 GACC Decree 248 HS Code List and FAS China Annotations.xlsx](#)