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Report Highlights:

This report contains updated information as of November 19, 2021 on the implementation of overseas facility registration requirements following recent conversations on Decree 248 with authorities of the Import/Export Food Safety Bureau of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC).

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On November 19, 2021, GACC clarified the following items regarding Decree 248 verbally with U.S. Government officers.

- Products produced before January 1, 2022, will be allowed to enter China provided that the facility is registered.
- GACC's single window website will include Harmonized System (HS) codes that clarify which products are covered under Decree 248.
- An English version of the self-registration website is being tested by GACC.
- "Fresh" fruit producers do not need to register or label registration numbers on packages.
- Only the final production facility of a manufactured food product needs to be registered.
- Temperature controlled warehouses that handle products exported to China are required to be registered, but ambient temperature warehouses do not require registration.
- GACC encourages questions on Decree 248, the single window, and the registration process be directed to their staff. See contact details below.

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

- Decree 248 Unofficial Self-Registration Guide for Overseas Food Facilities November 6, 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
- <u>China Notified the Draft Administrative Measures on Import and Export Food Safety December 11, 2020</u>
- China Notifies Revised Overseas Facilities Registration Regulations as TBT 1522 December 2, 2020
- <u>China Released Draft Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported</u> Foods - December 6, 2019

Attachments:

No Attachments.