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**Report Highlights:**

Ukraine took the first step to gain access to the Chinese market for peas by establishing a phytosanitary protocol.

On March 6, 2025, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine announced ([in Ukrainian](#)) it signed an agreement on market access for peas (as well as wild-caught fish and seafood) with China.

The State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection made the phytosanitary protocol public. The unofficial English translation is below, and the original Ukrainian version is attached to this report.

## **Start of Translation.**

### **Phytosanitary Requirements Protocol for the Export of Peas from Ukraine to China Between the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China**

In order to ensure the safe export of peas from Ukraine to the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as PRC) and to safeguard agriculture and ecology in the PRC, based on WTO/SPS regulations and the results of pest risk analysis (PRA), the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (hereinafter referred to as SSUFSCP) and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as GACC) have exchanged opinions and reached an agreement on the phytosanitary requirements for Ukrainian peas exported to the PRC as follows:

This Protocol pertains solely to phytosanitary requirements. Ukrainian peas must also comply with the PRC's standards and requirements for food and feed safety, hygiene, and quality, which are not covered by this Protocol.

#### **Article 1**

Peas (scientific name *Pisum sativum* L., English name "pea") in this Protocol refer to non-seed peas produced in Ukraine and exported to the PRC.

#### **Article 2**

Peas exported to the PRC must comply with China's phytosanitary import regulations and be free from quarantine pests regulated in the PRC (listed in the Annex), live insects, mites, mollusks, soil, feathers, animal excrement, weed seeds, branches, leaves, and other animal and plant residues. The product must not contain intentionally added or comingled other grains or impurities.

#### **Article 3**

SSUFSCP shall implement internationally recognized research and monitoring methods, conduct supervision during the growing and storage periods for peas to detect quarantine pests regulated in the PRC (listed in the Annex), and, upon request from GACC, submit monitoring reports, including detection methods and results, as well as any additional information required by GACC.

SSUFSCP shall monitor enterprises growing peas to ensure that they establish an integrated pest management system in cultivation areas and implement effective control measures to reduce the presence of pests regulated in the PRC. Upon request from GACC, SSUFSCP shall provide written information on the latest occurrences of pest outbreaks in Ukrainian pea areas and the corresponding prevention and control measures.

#### **Article 4**

SSUFSCP shall register enterprises engaged in growing, exporting, processing, and storing peas for export to the PRC, and ensure compliance of products with this Protocol through inspections and disinfection controls. SSUFSCP shall provide recommendations regarding verified processing and storage enterprises to GACC.

GACC shall register processing and storage enterprises after inspection and approval, and the list of registered enterprises will be published on the official website.

#### **Article 5**

SSUFSCP shall ensure control over disinfection processes to remove soil, plant residues, weed seeds, and other foreign impurities before export to the PRC. SSUFSCP shall supervise the farming, harvesting, storage, transportation, and export of peas.

#### **Article 6**

Transport vehicles for exporting peas to the PRC must comply with hygiene and epidemic prevention requirements.

Before shipment, vehicles must be thoroughly inspected to ensure the absence of weed seeds, live insects, other grains, plant residues, soil, etc.

If containers or bags are used, they must carry at least one label in Chinese indicating “This product is exported to the People's Republic of China,” along with traceability information, such as product name, name of processing or storage enterprise, and registration number.

If bags are used, they must be made of new, clean, and hygienic materials meeting PRC requirements. Packaging and labeling of pre-packaged peas for direct sale must comply with PRC food packaging and labeling regulations (GB 7718).

#### **Article 7**

Before exporting peas from Ukraine to the PRC, SSUFSCP shall conduct quarantine inspections and issue a phytosanitary certificate confirming compliance with this Protocol.

SSUFSCP states in an additional declaration: “The consignment complies with the requirements outlined in the Phytosanitary Requirements Protocol for the Export of Peas from Ukraine to China between the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China and is free from any quarantine pests regulated in the PRC.” The certificate shall also include the name and registration number of processing or storage enterprises and the transport vehicle number. If live insects are found, fumigation must be carried out before export and fumigation details included in the phytosanitary certificate.

#### **Article 8**

Upon arrival of Ukrainian peas to PRC ports, PRC’s customs authorities will conduct inspections and quarantine procedures. Non-compliant shipments will be treated as follows:

1. Shipments lacking a valid phytosanitary certificate will be returned or destroyed.
2. Shipments from unregistered enterprises will be returned or destroyed.
3. Shipments containing non-approved genetically modified organisms will be returned or destroyed.
4. If any live quarantine pests or other harmful organisms are found, treatment will be applied if effective methods exist; otherwise, the shipment will be returned or destroyed.
5. In other situations with non-compliance to PRC's laws, rules and standards, shipments will be subject to effective treatment before entry; shipments that did not pass the effective treatment will be returned or destroyed.
6. Non-compliance with PRC's laws, rules, and standards for food and feed safety will be handled in accordance national laws.

GACC will notify SSUFSCP of violations to enable investigations and corrective actions. In severe cases, peas imported from affected enterprises, growing regions, or even all production areas in Ukraine may be suspended until GACC confirms that effective corrective measures have been taken by SSUFSCP.

#### **Article 9**

Before trade commences, GACC will conduct on-site inspections or remote video audits to assess compliance with this Protocol, enterprise operations, and laboratory testing capabilities. SSUFSCP will facilitate and provide necessary assistance.

GACC will conduct ongoing risk assessments at ports of entry and monitor pest presence in Ukrainian peas. GACC and SSUFSCP will consult on adjustments to the list of quarantine pests and quarantine measures.

If necessary, GACC may hold a review for Protocol implementation, including sending experts to Ukraine for on-site inspections.

SSUFSCP shall bear related costs (including transportation, accommodation, etc.) and provide assistance.

#### **Article 10**

Any disputes regarding the interpretation and implementation of this Protocol shall be resolved through friendly negotiations, technical consultations, or other mutually agreed ways.

#### **Article 11**

This Protocol takes effect upon signing and remains valid for three years.

It may be amended by mutual agreement.

If neither party notifies termination at least six months before expiry, the Protocol will automatically extend for an additional three years.

This Protocol was signed in two copies containing texts in Ukrainian, Chinese, and English, with all texts being authentic in Kyiv on March 6, 2025. In case of discrepancies, the English text shall prevail.

## **Annex**

### **Quarantine pests regulated by China**

1. *Arabis mosaic virus*
2. *Peanut stunt virus*
3. *Tobacco ringspot virus*
4. *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *flaccumfaciens*
5. *Verticillium albo-atrum*
6. *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *pisi*
7. *Ditylenchus dipsaci*
8. *Heterodera schachtii*
9. *Orobanche* spp.

**End of Translation.**

### **Attachments:**

[Protocol for Peas in Ukrainian.pdf](#)