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HQTS Guide for Exporting food to China under new 2022 Customs Regulations



Provisions on the Administration of Registration of Foreign Enterprises Producing Imported Food

- The GACC (General Administration of Customs of China) updated its regulations on food imports.
- For governing food safety in the product origin, optimizing the registration procedures and clarifying the responsibilities of all parties
- It will be enforced since **January 1, 2022**.



1st Change - Expand the scope of registration

Current Regulation

- Production companies;
- Meat products (including casings), aquatic products, dairy products, bird's nest products, and bee products.



New Regulation

- Production companies, processing companies, and storage companies;
- All kinds of food exporting to China.



2nd Change – Adjustments on the registration method

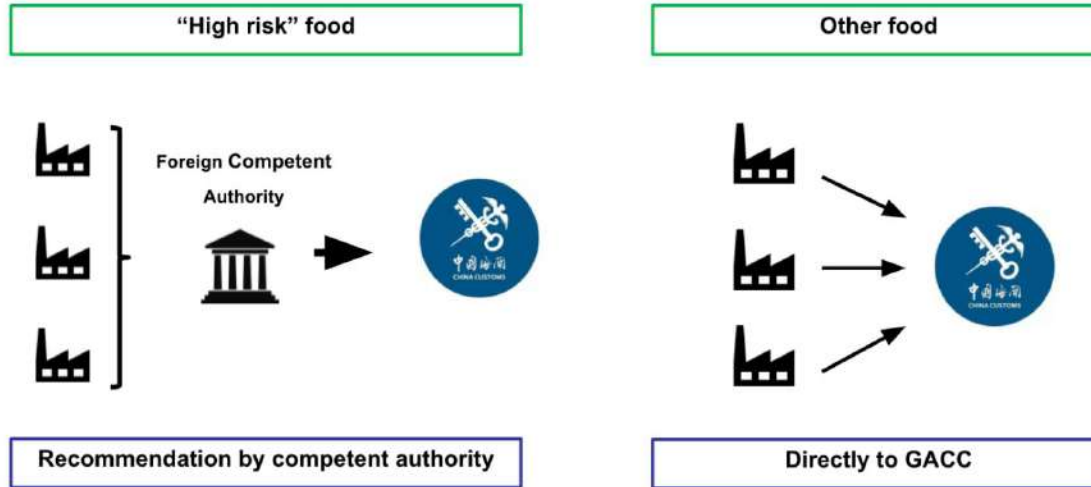
Current Regulation

- Recommended by the competent authority of the country (region) where the production company is located or other prescribed methods.

New Regulation

- Determine the registration method based on food category.
- Registration methods:
 - ✓ recommended by the competent authority of the country (region) where they are located;
 - ✓ applied by enterprises themselves or their agents.

2nd Change – Adjustments on the registration method



* **High Risk Foods** include: meat and meat products, sausage casings, aquatic products, dairy products, edible bird's nests and the product thereof, bee products, eggs and egg products, edible fats and oils, stuffed flour products, edible grains, grain flour manufactures and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans, seasonings, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee beans and cocoa beans, prepackaged food for special dietary uses, and dietary supplements.

3rd Change - Scientifically adjust registration application materials

Registration recommended by the competent authority

- (1) Recommendation letter from the competent authority of the country (region) where it is located;
- (2) List of enterprises and application form for registration;
- (3) Enterprise identification documents, such as business license issued by the competent authority of the country (region) where it is located;
- (4) A statement that the competent authority of the country (region) recommends that the enterprise meets the requirements of these regulations;
- (5) The audit report of the relevant enterprise from the competent authority of the country (region).

When necessary, the GACC may request documents of the enterprise's food safety, hygiene and protection system, such as the floor plan of the factory area, workshop, and cold storage, as well as process flow diagrams, etc.

Registration applied by enterprises

- (1) Application form for business registration;
- (2) Enterprise identification documents, such as business license issued by the competent authority of the country (region) where it is located;
- (3) A statement that the enterprise promises to meet the requirements of this regulation.

4th Change - Innovate registration approval methods

Current Regulation

- The GACC organizes relevant experts or designated agencies to review the materials submitted by the competent authority or using other prescribed methods to review the materials;
- Form an assessment team (more than 2 members) for **on-site assessment** according to work needs.

New Regulation

- The GACC organizes an assessment team (more than 2 members) by itself or by entrusting relevant agencies to conduct an assessment;
- Examination forms:
 - ✓ **Examination of materials, or**
 - ✓ **Video inspection, or**
 - ✓ **On-site inspection, or**
 - ✓ **Combination of above.**

5th Change - Clarify registration number management



Current Regulation

Mark the registration number on the **outer packaging** of their food exported to China.

New Regulation

Mark the food's **internal and external packaging** with

- ✓ the registration number in China; or
- ✓ the registration number approved by the competent authority of the country (region) where it is located.

6th Change - Clarify label requirements for dietary supplements

Current Regulation

Must be with Chinese

Can be pasted or printed on the final sales packaging

New Regulation

Must be with Chinese

Must be printed on the final sales packaging



7th Change - Extending the validity period of registration

The new regulation extends the validity period of the registration **from 4 years to 5 years**, so the production license of foreign enterprises exporting food to China is synchronized with the Chinese domestic food production license in terms of validity.

Current Regulation

Valid for

4 years

New Regulation

Valid for

5 years

8th Change - Clarify the application materials required for the renewal

Current Regulation

No application materials for the renewal are listed.

New Regulation

Proof materials related to the renewal. If the GACC considers that it can be renewed after evaluation, it shall be renewed.

If the renewal is related to the change of production site, the legal representative, or the registration number granted by the country (region), the registration should be re-applied, and the previous registration number in China will automatically become invalid.

9th Change - Application materials required for validity extension

Current Regulation

No application materials for the validity extension are listed.

New Regulation

- Application form for extension of registration;
- A statement that promises to continue to meet the registration requirements. The GACC will extend the registration of enterprises that meet the registration requirements, and the registration validity period will be extended by 5 years.

If a foreign enterprise producing imported food needs to extend its registration, it shall submit an application for extension of registration to the GACC through the registration application channel within **3 to 6 months** before the expiration of the registration validity period.

10th Change - Clarify the responsibilities of all parties

Current Regulation

Only when the competent authority finds that the foreign food production enterprise that has been registered cannot continue to meet the registration requirements during the review, the enterprise shall be supervised to complete the rectification within the prescribed time limit.

New Regulation

- The competent authority of the country (region) where the foreign production enterprise is located shall supervise the registered enterprise to continue to meet the registration requirements.
- When registered enterprises find that they do not meet the registration requirements, they should take the initiative to suspend exports to China and take immediate corrective actions.



Clarify the responsibilities of all parties, strengthen the main responsibilities of foreign production enterprises and the supervisory responsibilities of the competent authority of the country (region), and improve the supervision during and after the registration.

11th Change - Reducing the scope of competent Authorities

Current Regulation

The competent authorities of the countries (regions) where the foreign food production enterprises are located in current regulations include **the official departments, officially authorized institutions, and industry organizations** in the countries (regions) where the foreign food production enterprises are located.

New Regulation

The competent authority of the country (region) in new regulations refers to **the official department** responsible for the safety and health supervision of the food production enterprise in the country (region) where it is located

Technical consulting service

- Preparation of registration materials for overseas production enterprises importing Chinese food (High Risk Foods)
- Import Chinese food overseas production enterprise registration agent (other food)
- Application Materials



Preparation of registration materials for overseas production enterprises importing Chinese food (High Risk Foods)

High Risk Foods

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HQTS help client achieve

- Prepare the materials related to registration
- Audit materials for compliance



Import Chinese food overseas production enterprise registration agent (other food)

Other food

Tea, wine, beverage, biscuit, bread, candy, chocolate, condiment, jam, jelly, preserves, canned fruit, puffed food, etc.



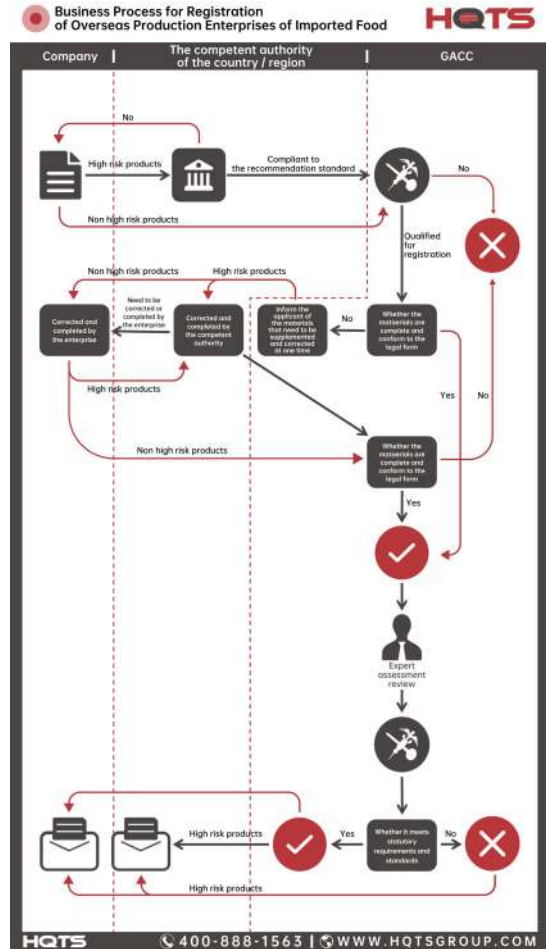
HQTS help client achieve

- Prepare the materials related to registration
- Audit materials for compliance
- Agent application for registration



Application Materials

1. Application Form for Registration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food;
2. Identification documents of the enterprise, such as the business license issued by the competent authority of the country (region) where it is located;
3. Declaration of the manufacturer;



Business Process for Registration of Overseas Production Enterprises of Imported Food

Customized compliance Service

- Standard collection
- Law and regulation analysis
- import & export procedure understanding



Audit service Overseas factory audit

- Basic information
- Company Identification Document
(For example, the Production License issued by the competent authority in the country/ region where the company is located)
- Information of raw materials/ ingredients
- Methods of producing or processing
- Human resource



Labeling and Packaging Review Service

According to the new regulations introduced in 2022, the content of imported food's labels and the wrapper of consumer prepackaged or prepackaged products will be reviewed, and rectification suggestions will be put forward to make them meet import and export requirements and reduce the risk of violations.



Amount Per Serving		% Daily Value*
Serving Size 2 Rounded Scoops (Serving per Container 20)		
Calories	150	Calories from Fat 40
Total Fat	3.5g	5%
Saturated Fat	0g	0%
Trans Fat	0g	
Cholesterol	0mg	0%
Sodium	180mg	8%
Potassium	60mg	2%
Total Carbohydrate	15g	4%
Dietary Fiber	5g	20%
Sugars	1g	
Sugar Alcohol	5g	
Protein	21g	42%
Vitamin A	0%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium	4%	Iron 15%



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