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**Report Highlights:**

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) updated the list of products subject to Decree 248. In addition to minor changes made earlier, GACC removed 239 products between February 10 – 27. The removed products include many fresh and dried vegetables, spices/seasonings, select grains and oilseeds, dried beans and lentils, coffee and cacao. Low lactose infant formula was added to the list. Before shipping, exporters should verify that their production or cold storage facilities have completed GACC's registration process. The updated list is attached to this report. These, like earlier changes, have not been notified to the World Trade Organization.

## **GACC Revises the Scope of Decree 248:**

GACC has made several revisions to the list of products within the scope of Decree 248 since the most recent FAS China GAIN report on Decree 248 published on January 11, 2023. In addition to minor changes made in the past several weeks, GACC removed 239 items from the list of products that need to register through the China Import Food Enterprise Registration (CIFER) Single Window system. This major update to the CIFER Single Window system occurred between February 10 – 27, 2023. The removed products include many fresh and dried vegetables, spices/seasonings, select grains and oilseeds/oil crops, dried beans and lentils, coffee and cacao. Low lactose infant formula was added.

Responsibility for the 239 items being removed is being shifted between GACC departments and bureaus. Facilities should be able to continue to ship, but exporters are advised to work with their importer to confirm their registration. GACC seemingly transferred the registrations of facilities producing the product categories being shifted to a series of facility lists – links to which are included below.

Please note that these lists are in Chinese, but with some text in English. FAS China is seeking clarification concerning GACC's registration process for currently unregistered facilities and companies producing products that were removed from the CIFER Single Window system. In addition, FAS China is seeking to reduce apparent redundancies between Decrees 248 and other export quarantine protocols or registration requirements (e.g., Decree 177) and will issue a report when further information is available.

### **Coffee and Cacao:**

[List of Registered Enterprises Exporting Unroasted Coffee and Cacao to China from the United States](#)

### **Grains (including seeds and tubers, grains, lentils and dried beans, and oilseeds):**

[List of Registered Enterprises Exporting Grains \(Including Seeds, Tubers, and Oilseeds\) to China from the United States](#) (NOTE: There are several tabs at the linked file. END NOTE)

### **Seasonings:**

[List of Registered Enterprises Exporting Seasonings to China from the United States](#)

### **Vegetables:**

[List of Registered Enterprises Exporting Fresh Vegetables to China from the United States](#)

Before shipping, exporters should verify that their production or cold storage facilities are fully registered with GACC. If a product from an improperly registered facility arrives in the People's Republic of China (PRC), or a product is shipped before GACC approves the registration, the

exporter should expect that it will be detained at port. If a shipment is detained, please refer to the instructions in [Clearing Detained Shipments Unofficial Guidance](#). Firms consolidating shipments from multiple facilities should ensure that each supplying facility is fully registered, and that product packaging carries appropriate facility specific labeling.

GACC does not announce changes to the list of products subject to the scope of Decree 248. While FAS China plans to publish updates when GACC makes significant revisions, exporters should periodically run a “Product Type Query” on GACC’s Single Window system to determine if their facilities need to register. Exporters are strongly encouraged to maintain active communication with their importers and to check for updates in the [GAIN system](#). More details on the Decree 248 process are available in [Decree 248 Single Window User Manual and Training](#).

An explanation of the self-registration process and an extensive question and answer section can be found in [Introduction to Facility Registration Under Decree 248](#).

Exporters are encouraged to review the attached spreadsheet to determine if their products are within the scope of Decree 248. The spreadsheet contains three tabs: one for the current list, another for recently removed products, and one for recently added products. The last production facility in the production chain needs to be registered with GACC if its products will be shipped to the PRC and are within the scope of Decree 248. There are also registration requirements for cold storage facilities.

FAS China has published several reports on Decrees 248 and 249 to inform and educate U.S. food and agricultural stakeholders over the last few years. The two reports listed below are among the most recent. The second report includes links to prior reports. Inquires on Decree 248 can be directed to [Decree248inquiry@usda.gov](mailto:Decree248inquiry@usda.gov).

[Decree 248 Facility and Product Registration Expectations](#)

[Introduction to Facility Registration Under Decree 248](#)

**Attachments:**

[Feb 27, 2023 Decree 248 Code.xlsx](#)