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Report Highlights:

On June 30, 2025, China notified the Measures for the Quarantine Administration of Imported Plant Propagation Materials (Revised Version) to the WTO under G/SPS/N/CHN/1282/Add.1. This report provides an unofficial translation of the notified measures. Comments may be submitted to China's SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center at sps@customs.gov.cn until August 29, 2025.

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Report Summary:

On June 30, 2025, the People's Republic of China (China) notified the Measures for the Quarantine Administration of Imported Plant Propagation Materials to the World Trade Organization (WTO) under [G/SPS/N/CHN/1282/Add.1](#). Comments may be submitted to China's SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center at sps@customs.gov.cn until August 29, 2025.

This notification modifies contents of a previously notified draft regulation, which China notified to the WTO on August 7, 2023, under [G/SPS/N/CHN/1282](#). Please see [FAS GAIN Report CH2023-0133](#) for more detailed information for the notified measures in 2023.

This report provides an unofficial translation of the notified measures. Comments may be submitted to China's SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center at sps@customs.gov.cn until August 29, 2025. Stakeholders should conduct their own review of the regulations to assess any market or regulatory effect on their business.

BEGIN TRANSLATION

Measures for the Quarantine Administration of Imported Plant Propagation Materials (Revision)

Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1 In order to prevent dangerous plant diseases, insects, weeds, and other harmful organisms from being introduced into China along with imported plant propagation materials and to protect the safety of the agricultural and forestry production, these Measures are formulated in accordance with the provisions of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine and its implementing regulations, the Biosafety Law of the People's Republic of China and other relevant laws and administrative regulations.

Article 2 The customs' quarantine management of imported plant propagation materials shall be subject to these Measures.

Article 3 The local customs, in the area under its jurisdiction, shall be responsible for the port quarantine of imported plant propagation materials and the quarantine management of imported plant propagation materials approved by special quarantine.

Article 4 The customs shall implement risk management on imported plant propagation materials.

Article 5 The General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) shall, as required, register the foreign plant propagation material planting sites (nurseries) that export plant propagation materials to China, and may send quarantine personnel to conduct pre-inspection or origin epidemic investigation after obtaining the consent of the plant quarantine competent authority of the exporting country (region) when necessary.

Article 6 Plant propagation materials shall be imported through ports that meet the customs supervision conditions. The specific conditions shall be separately formulated by GACC.

Chapter II Special Quarantine Approval

Article 7 If plant propagation materials prohibited from entry are introduced for special needs such as scientific research, the introducing unit or its agent shall go through the special quarantine approval procedures in advance.

Article 8 Plant propagation materials entering China shall not contain soil. If soil is required for special reasons, the introducing unit or its agent shall go through the special quarantine approval procedures for soil in advance.

Article 9 When applying for special quarantine approval, the introducing unit or its agent shall submit a written application and relevant materials to the directly affiliated customs in accordance with regulations.

The facilities and safety precautions of the storage, use, isolated quarantine and other places of plant propagation materials introduced with special quarantine approval shall meet the needs of customs supervision. Specific requirements shall be formulated separately by GACC.

Article 10 After accepting the application for special quarantine approval, the directly affiliated customs shall conduct a preliminary review of the application materials and places for storage, usage, and quarantine to evaluate whether it meets requirements.

If the preliminary review result is qualified, GACC shall organize a comprehensive assessment and decide to grant or not the administrative license in accordance with law.

Chapter III Port Quarantine

Article 11 The introducing unit or its agent shall declare to the customs in accordance with law and provide the quarantine approval documents, phytosanitary certificates issued by plant quarantine competent authority of the exporting country (region), certificates of origin, trade contracts, invoices, and other documents as required.

Except for special circumstances, the customs will conduct an automatic system comparison and verification of the electronic data of the quarantine approval documents.

Article 12 After the imported plant propagation materials arrive at the port of entry, they shall not be unloaded from the means of transport without the consent of the customs. Due to restrictions of port conditions and other reasons, products can be transported to a designated location for quarantine and treatment with the consent of the customs. During the transportation, loading and unloading process, the introducing unit or its agent shall take effective epidemic prevention measures.

The customs shall implement quarantine on the imported plant propagation materials in accordance with the quarantine requirements listed in relevant laws, administrative regulations, regulations of GACC, national standards, industry standards, and quarantine approval documents, etc.

Article 13 Imported plant propagation materials that are subject to isolated supervision by the quarantine approval authority shall be allowed to be transported to the isolation site designated by the quarantine approval authority if no quarantine pests or other pests that are seriously harmful to agriculture and forestry are found during quarantine.

If the pests listed in the preceding paragraph are found during quarantine, the products shall be allowed to be transported to the isolation site designated by the quarantine approval authority after effective treatment. If effective treatment is not carried out, the products shall not be allowed entry and shall be returned or destroyed.

Article 14 Plant propagation materials that are not subject to isolated supervision shall be allowed entry if no quarantine pests or other pests that are seriously harmful to agriculture and forestry are found during quarantine.

If the pests listed in the preceding paragraph are found during quarantine, the products shall be allowed entry after effective treatment. If effective treatment is not carried out, the products shall not be allowed entry and shall be returned or destroyed.

Article 15 If the product is allowed entry after port quarantine, the customs will handle the customs clearance procedures and issue relevant documents upon application by the introduction unit or its agent.

Chapter IV Customs Isolated Quarantine

Article 16 For plant propagation materials introduced with special quarantine approval isolated quarantine shall be implemented according to customs' requirements.

Article 17 The introducing unit is responsible for the daily management of plant propagation materials under isolated quarantine, and truthfully documenting the batches, isolated planting, epidemic monitoring and other information of the materials introduced.

During the isolation quarantine period, no unit or individual may transfer, handle, or use the materials without the consent of the customs.

Article 18 After the isolated quarantine is completed, the introducing unit shall submit an isolated quarantine report to the competent customs. The customs shall review the isolated quarantine report and issue the isolated quarantine conclusion based on the quarantine supervision situation.

If the quarantine result is qualified, the customs will handle the customs clearance procedures and issue relevant documents upon application by the introduction unit or its agent; if the quarantine result is unqualified, it shall be either treated, returned, or destroyed in accordance with law.

Chapter V Quarantine Supervision

Article 19 Customs shall implement quarantine supervision to the storage, use, isolated quarantine, and other processes of plant propagation materials imported with special quarantine approval.

Customs may carry out sampling, testing, epidemic monitoring, etc. as needed.

Article 20 After the plant propagation materials imported through special quarantine approval arrive at the site for storage, use, and isolated quarantine, the introducing unit shall promptly report to the competent customs.

Article 21 The introducing unit is responsible for the epidemic prevention work during the transportation, storage, use, and isolated quarantine of plant propagation materials introduced with special quarantine approval and implementing epidemic prevention measures.

If harmful organisms are found, the introducing unit and the isolated quarantine site should report to the competent customs in a timely manner and take control measures. If through customs quarantine the organisms are identified as quarantine harmful organism or other organisms that are seriously harmful to agriculture and forestry, the introducing unit and isolated quarantine site should take epidemic prevention and control measures.

Article 22 The imported plant propagation materials approved by the special quarantine for exhibition purpose, it shall be subject to the quarantine supervision of the competent customs during the exhibition and shall not be used for other purposes without the consent of the customs. After the exhibition is completed, the materials must be destroyed or returned. If the purpose needs to be changed for special reasons, it shall be handled in accordance with the routine entry quarantine regulations. Plant propagation materials, cultivation media, or packaging materials abandoned from the exhibition shall be harmlessly treated under the supervision of the customs.

Chapter VI Supplementary Provisions

Article 23 Plant propagation materials as mentioned in these Measures is a general term for plant seeds, seedlings, and other propagation materials, including whole plant or part of cultivated or wild plants that can be propagated, such as plants, seedlings (including test-tube seedlings),

fruits, seeds, rootstocks, scions, cuttings, leaves, buds, tubers, bulbs, corms, pollen, cell culture materials (including genetically modified plants), etc.

Article 24 For plant propagation materials to be carried- or posted into China, application shall be submitted in advance and quarantine approval formalities shall proceed; if quarantine approval procedures cannot proceed in advance due to special reasons, the carrier or the sender shall conduct the quarantine approval procedures in accordance with the regulations.

Article 25 For introduction of non-prohibited plant propagation materials from abroad, if port quarantine qualified, the materials are allowed to be transported to the isolation site designated by the agriculture and rural areas affairs-, and forestry and grassland authorities for isolated supervision, the customs shall issue a notice of approval for transmission, and the introducing unit or its agent shall report to the approval authority in a timely manner.

For imported plant propagation materials that are qualified after the isolated supervision of the agriculture and rural areas affairs-, and forestry and grassland authorities, the introducing unit or its agent shall go through customs clearance procedures with the certificate of qualification issued by the isolated supervision authority.

Article 26 Imported plant propagation materials may carry cultivation media according to the need for its survival. The cultivation medium shall be used for the first time and shall not contain soil and quarantine pests or other pests that are seriously harmful to agriculture and forestry.

The customs shall implement quarantine of cultivation media together with imported plant propagation materials and take samples for laboratory quarantine when necessary. If the quarantine result is unqualified, it shall be either treated, returned, or destroyed. If it is qualified or qualified after treatment, it shall be allowed entry with the plant propagation materials; if there is no effective treatment method, it shall not be allowed entry.

Article 27 The customs shall impose penalties in accordance with relevant laws and administrative regulations for any violation of the provisions of these Measures; if a crime is constituted, criminal liability shall be pursued in accordance with law.

Article 28 GACC shall be responsible for interpreting these Measures.

Article 29 These Measures shall come into force on the xx date of 2025. The “Administrative Measures for the Quarantine of Imported Plant Propagation Materials” promulgated by the former State Administration of Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine under Order No. 10 on December 9, 1999 and amended by the General Administration of Customs Order No. 238 on April 28, 2018 and Order No. 240 on May 29, 2018, and the “Administrative Measures for the Quarantine Nursery of Imported Plant Propagation Materials” promulgated by the former State Administration of Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine under Order No. 11 on December 9, 1999 and amended by the former General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine Order No. 196 on March 6, 2018 and Order No. 238 on April 28, 2018 are hereby repealed.

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Attachments:

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