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Report Highlights:

On August 14, 2025, the General Administration of Customs China published a notice on functional adjustments of the registration and management system in the China Import Food Enterprise Registration system for self-registered facilities and products.

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NOTE: The following text does not apply to U.S. exporters of meat, poultry, dairy, infant formula, and seafood products. U.S. facilities exporting those products should continue following procedures for exporting to China as outlined by relevant U.S. food safety regulators: [FSIS](#) and [FDA](#). In addition, this report does not apply to U.S. exporters whose products are subject to review by the GACC Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine (DAPQ) or other PRC regulatory agencies.

On August 14, 2025, the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) Bureau of Import and Export Food Safety (BIEFS) issued a notice announcing adjustments to certain functions in the registration process for self-registered facilities and products. GACC emphasized that all applicant entities must be overseas manufacturers operating production, processing, and/or cold storage facilities. Trading companies should not register in the system.

The updated self-registration process includes an additional page for enterprise commitments and removes the requirement to select HS and CIQ codes. As a result, self-registering enterprises are no longer required to identify the specific HS and CIQ codes for their products, potentially reducing the number of applications returned due to incorrect code selection. **At this time, these adjustments do not appear to apply to facilities and products that must be registered with competent authority assistance.**

This report provides an unofficial translation of the notification.

The original notice is at

<https://www.singlewindow.cn/#/detail?breadNum=bc13&articleId=cifer2025081400001>

For general information regarding Decree 248, please contact: Decree248Inquiry@usda.gov.

For assistance with facilities and products that must be registered via the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, please contact: HFPEExportCertification@fda.hhs.gov.

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Registration of Overseas Production Enterprises for Imported Food – Version dated August 14, 2025

According to the requirements of the General Administration of Customs' business departments, the functions of the registration management system for overseas production enterprises of imported food have been adjusted as follows:

1. For overseas production enterprises of the following products: vegetables and their products (excluding fresh and dehydrated vegetables), grain products and other products, tea, nuts and seed products, alcoholic beverages, beverages and frozen drinks, biscuits, pastries, bread, sugars (including raw sugar, edible sugar, lactose, syrup, etc.), candies, chocolates (including chocolate, cocoa butter substitutes, and their products), seasonings (excluding edible sugar), roasted coffee beans, cocoa beans and their products (excluding chocolate), fruit products, and other miscellaneous foods, when applying for enterprise registration or modifying an existing registration in China, please first complete the commitment items.
2. For overseas production enterprises of nuts and seed products, alcoholic beverages, beverages and frozen drinks, biscuits, pastries, bread, sugars (including raw sugar, edible sugar, lactose, syrup, etc.), candies, chocolates (including chocolate, cocoa butter substitutes, and their products), seasonings (excluding edible sugar), roasted coffee beans, cocoa beans and their products (excluding chocolate), fruit products, and other miscellaneous foods, when applying for enterprise registration or modifying an existing registration in China, it is not necessary to provide specific information on the intended products to be exported to China, such as HS codes or CIQ codes.
3. Overseas food production enterprises that have already obtained registration in China can view the specific products registered in China through the "Comprehensive Query - Registered in China" section.
4. Adjustments to other reporting content, such as production type and actual production/processing capacity, can be found in the system.

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ANNEX I – Enterprise Commitments

Overseas production enterprises of the following products: vegetables and their products (excluding fresh and dehydrated vegetables), grain products and other products, tea, nuts and seed products, alcoholic beverages, beverages and frozen drinks, biscuits, pastries, bread, sugars (including raw sugar, edible sugar, lactose, syrup, etc.), candies, chocolates (including chocolate, cocoa butter substitutes, and their products), seasonings (excluding edible sugar), roasted coffee beans, cocoa beans and their products (excluding chocolate), fruit products, and other miscellaneous foods are required to complete the commitments when applying for enterprise registration or changing existing registrations in China.

The enterprise commitments include:

- 1) The applicant entity must be a manufacturer engaged in production, processing, or an operator of a cold storage facility (**Note:** Trading companies, non-manufacturing entities, or ordinary storage facilities need not apply for registration).
- 2) Approved by and under the effective supervision of the competent food safety authority in the country/region of origin.
- 3) The production of such food is approved by the competent food safety authority in the country/region of origin with valid certification (corresponding to the uploaded "Production License issued by the competent food safety authority in the country/region of origin").
- 4) Has established an effective food safety, hygiene management, and protection system; legally produces and exports in the country/region of origin; and guarantees that food exported to China complies with relevant Chinese laws, regulations, and national food safety standards.
- 5) The application information matches the submitted supporting documents in content and authenticity. If inconsistencies or false declarations are found, the applicant shall bear all legal consequences, including revocation of China registration, product rejection/destruction, and investigation by the competent food safety authority in the country/region of origin.
- 6) Will cooperate with the GACC in food safety assessment reviews.
- 7) Will actively comply with all GACC requests during assessment, including providing additional verification materials or facilitating verification of submitted documents by the competent food safety authority in the country/region of origin.
- 8) Proactively fulfills food safety responsibilities. Upon identifying food safety risks or non-compliance with registration requirements, shall suspend exports to China and implement corrective measures until full compliance is achieved.

Below is the screenshot on the first page of registration: enterprises have to check every single commitment before the next page button appears.

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Enterprises applying for registration through this system shall be overseas manufacturers of production,processing,and storage.Trading companies and other non-qualifying entites are exempt from registration via this system.

Enterprise Commitments:

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ANNEX II – HS and CIQ Codes

Overseas production enterprises of nuts and seed products, alcoholic beverages, beverages and frozen drinks, biscuits, pastries, bread, sugars (including raw sugar, edible sugar, lactose, syrup, etc.), candies, chocolates (including chocolate, cocoa butter substitutes, and their products), seasonings (excluding edible sugar), roasted coffee beans, cocoa beans and their products (excluding chocolate), fruit products, and other miscellaneous foods do not need to provide specific information about the products they intend to export to China, such as HS and CIQ codes, when applying for business registration or changing existing registrations in China.

The screenshots below shows there is no need to select HS and CIQ code for products. Please pay attention that some self-registered products such as vegetables and vegetable products (excluding fresh and dehydrated vegetables), grain products and other products, tea are still required to select HS codes and CIQ codes.

Nuts and Seeds Products

*Products to be registered to China

*Registered product category

Nuts and seeds products

Production and processing situation

Processing flow chart [Upload attachments](#)

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Vegetables and Vegetable Products

Application for registrationProduct type enquiryVegetables and vegetable products (Fresh and dehydrated vegetables are excluded)Nuts and seeds productsRegistr

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*Products to be registered/added to China

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Order NO.	Product name	HS/CIQ code	Actions
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Production and processing situation

*Processing flow chartUpload attachments

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ANNEX III – Other Reporting Information

The screenshot below shows that different products are required to upload different materials, using fermented wines and grain products as an example. Enterprises should pay attention to the materials required to upload for their product registration.

Alcoholic Beverages

*Products to be registered to China

*Registered product category

Fermented wines and prepared Fermented wines

Production and processing situation

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Grain Products and Other Products

Roasted coffee beans and its products

Grain products and other products

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Order NO.	Product name	HS/CIQ code	Actions
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Production and processing situation

*Processing flow chart

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