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**Report Highlights:**

China's General Administration of Customs issued Announcement No. 27 (2026) providing supplemental guidance for the transition to Decree 280, which is set to become effective June 1, 2026. The notice identifies the specific "Catalogue" of imported food categories that require "official recommendation" for facility registration and establishes a "List" of food categories that are ineligible for automatic registration renewal.

**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 Chinese regulatory agencies.**

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### **Executive Summary:**

China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) has issued [Announcement No. 27 \(2026\)](#), providing supplemental guidance for the transition to Decree 280, effective June 1, 2026. The notice defines which imported foods require "official recommendation" for facility registration, maintaining 17 categories of products from the previous Decree 248 framework. GACC identifies meat and bird's nest products as ineligible for automatic registration renewal and explicitly mandates registration for overseas cold storage facilities handling terrestrial animal and aquatic products. Products from "officially recommended" facilities remain eligible for import if produced during a valid registration period and within shelf life, whereas self-registered facilities must hold a valid registration at the time of declaration.

### Implementation Highlights:

- **Products Requiring "Official Recommendation":** meat and meat products, casings, bird's nests and bird's nest products, bee products, eggs and egg products, edible oils and fats, stuffed pastry products, edible grains, grain milling products and malt, dehydrated vegetables, seasoning powders, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, special dietary foods, functional foods, dairy products, and aquatic products.
- **Exclusions from Automatic Renewal:** Meat and meat products and bird's nests and bird's nest products are ineligible for automatic facility registration renewals.
- **Storage Facility Requirements:** Overseas cold storage facilities for terrestrial animal products and aquatic products are strictly subject to registration.

For additional information on Decree 280, please see [GAIN Report CH2025-0204](#).

## **BEGIN TRANSLATIONS**

### **Announcement No. 27 of 2026 of the General Administration of Customs (Announcement on Matters Related to the Implementation of the “Administrative Provisions of the Customs of the People's Republic of China on the Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food”)**

The “Administrative Provisions of the Customs of the People's Republic of China on the Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food” (GACC Decree No. 280, hereinafter referred to as the “Registration Provisions”) was promulgated on October 14, 2025, and shall enter into force on June 1, 2026. Relevant matters regarding its implementation are hereby announced as follows:

#### **I. Supporting Catalogs and Lists for the “Registration Provisions”**

Based on an analysis of factors such as food raw material sources, production and processing techniques, historical food safety data, consumer groups, and consumption methods, and in conjunction with international practices, the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China has determined the catalog of imported foods requiring official recommendation for registration, the list of foods ineligible for automatic registration renewal, and the scope of overseas storage facility for imported foods subject to registration management in accordance with the “Registration Provisions.” These relevant catalogs, lists, and scopes shall be subject to dynamic management.

##### **(I) Catalog of Imported Foods Requiring Official Recommendation for Registration.**

In accordance with Article 6 of the “Registration Provisions,” the catalog of imported foods requiring official recommendation for registration includes: meat and meat products, casings, bird's nests and bird's nest products, bee products, eggs and egg products, edible oils and fats, stuffed pastry products, edible grains, grain milling industrial products and malt, dehydrated vegetables, seasoning powders, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, special dietary foods, functional foods, dairy products, and aquatic products.

##### **(II) List of Foods Ineligible for Automatic Registration Renewal.**

In accordance with Article 21 of the “Registration Provisions,” the list of foods ineligible for automatic registration renewal includes: meat and meat products and bird's nests and bird's nest products.

##### **(III) Scope of Overseas Storage Facilities for Imported Foods Subject to Registration Management in Accordance with the “Registration Provisions.”**

In accordance with Paragraph 1, Article 30 of the “Registration Provisions,” the scope of overseas storage facilities for imported foods subject to registration management in accordance with the “Registration Provisions” includes: cold storage facilities used for storing foods of terrestrial animal origin and aquatic products.

## II. Declaration Requirements for Imported Foods Related to Registration

### (I) Information Reporting Requirements.

Imported food products, specifically those imported as cargo and entering the Chinese domestic market for human consumption or as raw materials for food processing, must be declared in accordance with regulations at the time of import declaration. Under the “Product Qualifications” section of the Customs Declaration Form, within the “Registration Certificate for Overseas Food Production Facilities” field (License Category Code “519”), the enterprise must accurately enter the registration number in China corresponding to the overseas production facility located in the food's “Country (Region) of Origin.” Furthermore, under the “Commodity Declaration” section of the Customs Declaration Form, the “Usage” field must be accurately filled with “For Consumption.”

If the declaration is not completed in accordance with the specified requirements, Customs shall not accept the declaration. In cases where false information is submitted to fraudulently obtain Customs documents, Customs shall investigate and handle the matter in accordance with the law.

### (II) Declaration Requirements for Imported Food.

For overseas food production facilities requiring official recommendation for registration, products produced within the validity period of their registration may be declared for import (this includes food products produced within the registration validity period, and still within their shelf life, even if the facility subsequently failed to renew its registration after the validity period expired). For overseas food production facilities that applied for self-registration, the facility registration must remain valid at the time of the import declaration. For overseas food production facilities whose registration has been suspended, cancelled, or revoked, the declaration for import of food products shipped prior to the date of such suspension, cancellation, or revocation shall not be affected.

In cases where the General Administration of Customs issues specific requirements, such requirements shall be strictly followed.

## III. Registration Processing and Information Inquiry Channels

### (I) Registration Management System for Overseas Food Production Facilities.

To facilitate the implementation of the “Registration Regulations,” streamline the facility registration application process, and enhance administrative efficiency, overseas food production facilities importing food into China may utilize the General Administration of Customs’ “Registration Management System for Overseas Food Production Facilities” (hereinafter referred to as the “Registration System”) to inquire about and process various administrative matters, including applications, amendments, renewals, suspensions, and resumptions. The access URL for the Registration System is: <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn>. The General Administration of Customs advises all relevant enterprises to exercise vigilance in verifying the authenticity of the

website to avoid logging into fraudulent sites, thereby preventing potential financial or operational losses.

(II) Information Inquiry Channels.

During the application process for registration, overseas producers of imported food products may use the registration system to track the progress of their applications, as well as to review comments and feedback provided by the General Administration of Customs.

Information regarding overseas producers of imported food products that have already obtained registration, including their registration numbers in China and the validity periods of their registrations, may be queried via the official GACC website or by utilizing the “List of Registered Overseas Producers of Imported Food” function within the registration system.

Materials such as the administrative guide for the registration of overseas food producers, user manuals for the registration system, and contact details for registration inquiry hotlines are accessible via the “Administrative Guide” function within the registration system, or by referring to the administrative guides published on the GACC website.

Information regarding the product categories subject to registration for overseas food producers, including the corresponding Customs Commodity Codes and Regulatory Identification Codes, may be queried via the “Product Type Enquiry” function within the registration system.

IV. Other Notes

(I) The catalog of imported primary edible agricultural products requiring registration by overseas facilities, as well as the associated import declaration requirements and inquiry methods, shall be implemented in accordance with GACC Announcement No. 219 of 2025.

(II) The General Administration of Customs does not charge any fees for the registration of overseas producers of imported food products or primary edible agricultural products.

Hereby announced.

General Administration of Customs

March 18, 2026

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**Attachments:**

No Attachments.