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Report Highlights:

On March 24, 2026, China submitted a notification to the WTO under reference number G/TBT/N/CHN/2239, soliciting comments on the revised draft Regulation on the Listing Administration of Importers and Exporters of Imported Foods. The proposed entry into force date has not yet been specified. Comments may be submitted to China's TBT National Notification and Enquiry Center at tbt@customs.gov.cn until May 23, 2026. This report provides an unofficial translation of the draft regulation.

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Summary:

On March 24, 2026, China notified the revised draft Regulation on the Listing Administration of Importers and Exporters of Imported Foods to the WTO under [G/TBT/N/CHN/2239](#). The draft regulation updated the filing requirements of China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) for food importers and overseas exporters for imported foods to China.

The notification provides a link to China's existing Food Safety Law, as the notified regulation refers to Article 96 of the Law. Article 96 of the Food Safety Law states that exporters or agents located outside China that export food to China, as well as importers of imported food, must file for record with the national entry-exit inspection and quarantine authority. The national entry-exit inspection and quarantine authority shall regularly publish lists of overseas exporters and agents, and importers that have filed records.

China has stated the purposes of this revision are to optimize filing procedures for importers and exporters of imported foods, enhance efficiency of China customs' processing time, and clarify responsibilities for better trade facilitation.

After finalization, the revised regulation will replace the existing regulation of the same name, which entered into force in 2012. The revised draft regulation has made the following changes:

- Aligned the scope of food business operation categories for importers and exporters with facility registration categories;
- Clarified conditions for modifications and cancellation of the filings;
- Shortened processing time for filing importers and exporters to three working days;
- Reduced number of items required on the filing information forms for importers and exporters.

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Regulation on the Listing Administration of Importers and Exporters of Imported Food (Revised Draft)

Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 [Legal Basis] In order to ensure the safety of imported food and enhance traceability of imported food, and in accordance with the Food Safety Law of the People’s Republic of China and its implementation regulations, the State Council’s Special Regulation on Strengthening Safety Supervision and Management of Foods and other Products, Administrative Measures on Import and Export Food Safety, and other relevant laws and administrative regulations, these Measures are hereby formulated.

Article 2 [Scope of Application] These Measures shall apply to the filing administration of overseas exporters or agents exporting foods to China, as well as domestic importers of imported food (including consignee and end user of imported food), the aforementioned enterprises shall be collectively referred to as “importers and exporters” hereinafter.

Products not listed in the food categories set out in the Annexes for these Provisions, such as food additives, food-related products, and edible agricultural products, shall be governed by the relevant regulations.

Article 3 [Regulatory Responsibilities] The General Administration of Customs (GACC) is responsible for the supervision and administration of the filing of importers and exporters of imported foods. GACC publish relevant filing information about importers and exporters.

Local customs authorities shall be responsible for the acceptance, filing, modification, and cancellation of filing applications for domestic food importers, as well as for the supervision and inspection of such importers.

Chapter II Filing Conditions and Procedures

Article 4 [Filing Application of Overseas Exporters] Overseas food exporters or their agents exporting food to China shall apply for filing with the GACC, submit the *Filing Information Form of Food Exporter or Agent* (Annex 1), and shall be responsible for the authenticity and validity of the filing information provided.

Article 5 [Filing Application of Importers] Domestic food importers applying for filing shall legally obtain the corresponding domestic food production and business entity qualification, submit the *Filing Information Form of Food Importer* (Appendix 2) to the local customs, and shall be responsible for the authenticity and validity of the filing information provided.

Article 6 [Acceptance of Filing] If the filing application form is fully completed and the supporting documents are complete; the customs shall accept the application and complete the filing within three working days from the date of acceptance. If the application materials do not

meet the requirements, the customs shall not accept the application and shall inform the applicant in one notice within three working days.

Filing information shall be published through GACC's Credit Publicity Platform of Import and Export Business of Customs.¹

The filing of importers and exporters shall remain valid without an expiration period.

Article 7 [Information Changes] If any information in the filing of an importer or exporter changes, the importer or the exporter shall complete the change procedures with the customs authority within 60 days from the date of the change.

If a domestic food importer undergoes changes in information such as relocation, it shall promptly apply for information change with the customs authority at the new place of domicile.

Article 8 [Cancellation of Filing] An importer or exporter shall apply to the customs for cancellation of filing if any of the following circumstances occur:

- (1) Dissolution, declaration of bankruptcy, or termination due to other statutory reasons;
- (2) Deregistration, revocation of registration, or revocation of market entity qualification by the market supervision and administration authority;
- (3) Voluntary application for cancellation by the importer or exporter;
- (4) Other circumstances where cancellation is required in accordance with the law.

If an importer or exporter fails to complete cancellation procedures in accordance with items (1) and (2) above, the customs shall cancel the filing in accordance with the law.

Article 9 [Application Channels] Importers and exporters may apply for filing, changes, and cancellation through China International Trade Single Window or Customs Government Online Service Portal. Domestic food importers may also submit a paper version of the Filing Information Form for Food Importers to the customs office at their place of domicile to apply for filing, changes, or cancellation.

Chapter III: Supervision and Administration

Article 10 [Supervision Requirements] Customs may supervise the filing status of importers and exporters, including conducting on-site inspections, reviewing documents in accordance with the law, or requesting submission of relevant materials. Importers and exporters shall cooperate and provide relevant information and materials truthfully.

Article 11 [Information Verification] During declaration, the name and filing number of the importers and exporters of the imported food shall be accurately filled in.

Customs shall verify the information of importers and exporters of imported food.

¹ The link to the platform: <http://credit.customs.gov.cn/ccppwebserver/pages/ccpp/html/ccppindex.html>.

Article 12 [Rectification and Cancellation] If customs discover during or after supervision that the filing information of an importer or exporter does not match the actual situation, it shall require the importer or the exporter to correct and improve the filing information within a specified time period. If the importer or the exporter fails to make corrections or improvements in a timely manner, or if customs find that the importer or the exporter has violated relevant national laws and regulations, customs shall cancel its filing number.

Chapter IV: Supplementary Provisions

Article 13 [Effective Date] These provisions shall come into force on × month × day, 202×. At the same time, the “Regulation on the Listing Administration of Importers and Exporters of Imported Food” issued in Announcement No. 55 of 2012 by the former General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) shall be repealed.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Filing Information Form of Overseas Food Exporter or Agent (original form is in Chinese and English)
- Appendix 2: Filing Information Form of Food Importer (omitted)

Annex 1: Filing Information Form of Overseas Food Exporter or Agent

第 1 项--企业信息 Section 1-Applicant's Information	
企业名称 (中文) Name (in Chinese):	
企业地址 (中文) Address (in Chinese):	
企业名称 (英文) * Name (in English):	
企业地址 (英文) * Address (in English):	
国家 (地区) * Country/Region:	
联系人姓名* Contact Name:	
联系人电话* Contact Telephone:	
联系人邮箱* Contact E-mail:	
*第 2 项--经营食品种类 (多选项) Section 2-Food Category of Operation (Multiple choices)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 肉与肉制品 Meat and meat products <input type="checkbox"/> 肠衣 Casings <input type="checkbox"/> 燕窝与燕窝制品 Bird's and Bird nest products <input type="checkbox"/> 蜂产品 Bee products <input type="checkbox"/> 蛋与蛋制品 Egg and egg products <input type="checkbox"/> 食用油脂 Edible oil (<input type="checkbox"/> 食用植物油 Edible vegetable oil <input type="checkbox"/> 食用动物油脂 Edible animal fat) <input type="checkbox"/> 包馅面食 Stuffed pastry products <input type="checkbox"/> 食用谷物 Edible grains <input type="checkbox"/> 谷物制粉工业产品和麦芽 Grain milling industrial products and malt <input type="checkbox"/> 脱水蔬菜 Dehydrated vegetables <input type="checkbox"/> 调料粉 Plant spices <input type="checkbox"/> 坚果与籽类 Nuts and seeds <input type="checkbox"/> 干果 Dried fruits <input type="checkbox"/> 特殊膳食食品 (不包括乳基婴幼儿配方食品) Special Dietary Foods (Excluding milk-	

based infant formula)

- 保健食品 Functional foods
- 乳品 Dairy
- 水产品 Aquatic products
- 蔬菜及其制品（保鲜和脱水蔬菜除外） Vegetables and vegetable products (Fresh and dehydrated vegetables are excluded)
- 粮食制品及其它产品 Grain products and other products
- 茶叶类 Tea
- 坚果及籽类制品 Nuts and seeds products
- 酒类 Alcoholic beverage
- 饮料及冷冻饮品 Beverages and frozen beverages
- 饼干、糕点、面包 Biscuits, cakes, and bread
- 糖类（包括原糖、食糖、乳糖、糖浆等） Sugars (including raw sugar, sugar, lactose, syrup, etc.)
- 糖果、巧克力（包括巧克力、代可可脂巧克力及其制品） Confectionery, chocolate (including chocolate, cocoa butter substitute chocolate and its products)
- 调味品（不包括食糖） Seasoning (excluding sugar)
- 经烘焙的咖啡豆、可可豆及其制品（不包括巧克力） Roasted coffee beans, cocoa beans and other products (ex. chocolate)
- 水果制品 Fruit products
- 冷冻水果 Frozen fruit
- 其他杂项食品 Other miscellaneous foods

兹承诺：上述资料信息真实、有效*。

I hereby promise: The information we submit is accurate and valid.

填表人姓名*(签章*)

Name: (Signature or Seal)

填表人电话*

Telephone:

填表人邮箱*

E-mail:

Notes:

The above items with mark "*" must be effectively filled in.

This form should be uploaded in the form of a scanned copy or photo after being signed or stamped.

Appendix 2 Filing Information Form for Food Importer (omitted)

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Attachments:

No Attachments.