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## Report Name: Updated Phytosanitary Certificates WTO Notified

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## **Report Highlights:**

On April 14, 2023, China notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) under G/SPS/N/CHN/1278 two updated phytosanitary certificate templates. These are the Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Phytosanitary Certificate and the Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-Export. The new phytosanitary certificates templates are scheduled to take effect starting June 1, 2023. Comments may be submitted to China's SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center at sps@customs.gov.cn until May 31, 2023. This report provides links to the Chinese and English versions of the updated certificates and includes the templates as attachments.

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## **Summary:**

On April 14, 2023, China notified two updated phytosanitary certificate templates, the Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Phytosanitary Certificate and the Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-Export, to the WTO under <u>G/SPS/N/CHN/1278</u>. Comments on the draft certificate templates may be submitted to China's SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center at <u>sps@customs.gov.cn</u> until May 31, 2023.

The new templates for <u>phytosanitary certificate</u> and <u>phytosanitary certificate for re-export</u> will enter into force beginning June 1, 2023. The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) will be responsible for the implementation of the new certificates. During a transition period from June 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, GACC will accept both the new certificates and the current certificates.

China reportedly updated the templates in accordance with the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures. Compared with the current phytosanitary certificates, the updated templates include new information such as Country of Origin, Country of Final Destination, and Name of Plant Protection Organization.

## **Attachments:**

CHN 1278 Template of Phytosanitary Certificate.pdf

CHN 1278 Template of Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-Export.pdf