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**Report Highlights:**

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) Bureau of Import and Export Food Safety (BIEFS) recently updated the list of products subject to Decree 248. The PRC has not notified these changes to trade partners. Between April 19, 2023, and September 12, 2023, it added 15 products and removed 14 products. The changes affect dairy products, poultry products, fruit and vegetable juice, canned fruit, aquatic products, sweets, and chocolates. Before shipping, exporters should verify that their production or cold storage facilities have completed GACC's registration process. The updated list of products subject to Decree 248 facility registration is attached to this report.

## **GACC Revises the Scope of Products Subject to Decree 248:**

GACC BIEFS has made several revisions to the list of products falling within the scope of Decree 248 facility registration since the FAS China GAIN report published April 25, 2023. Between April 19, 2023, and September 12, 2023, GACC added 15 products and removed 14 products. The changes affect dairy products, poultry products, fruit and vegetable juice, canned fruit, aquatic products, and sweets and chocolates. Some of the updates are not complete removals of the products, but additions of the same products with different Customs, Inspection, and Quarantine (CIQ) codes created for China Customs' use.

Before shipping, exporters should verify that their production or cold storage facilities are fully registered with GACC. If a product from an improperly registered facility arrives in China, or a product is shipped/produced before GACC approves the registration, the exporter should expect that it will be detained at port. If a shipment is detained, please refer to the instructions in [Clearing Detained Shipments Unofficial Guidance](#). Firms consolidating shipments from multiple facilities should ensure that each supplying facility is fully registered, and that product packaging carries appropriate facility specific labeling. The last production facility in the production chain needs to be registered with GACC if its products will be shipped to China and are within the scope of Decree 248. There are also registration requirements for cold storage facilities.

GACC does not announce changes to the list of products subject to the scope of Decree 248. While FAS China plans to publish updates when GACC makes significant revisions, exporters should periodically run a "Product Type Query" on GACC's Single Window system to determine if their facilities need to register. Exporters are strongly encouraged to maintain active communication with their importers and to check for updates in the [GAIN system](#). More details on the Decree 248 process are available in [Decree 248 Single Window User Manual and Training](#). An explanation of the self-registration process and a question and answer section can be found in [Introduction to Facility Registration Under Decree 248](#).

Exporters are encouraged to review the attached spreadsheets to determine if their products are within the scope of Decree 248. Each spreadsheet contains three tabs: one for the current list as of the date downloaded, another for recently removed products, and one for recently added products. The first tab of the most recent report contains all HS codes eligible for registration in the CIFER system and subsequent shipment of products to China.

FAS China generally encourages companies to use a U.S. facility registration number to fulfill the labeling requirements of Decree 248. An example of this is the FEI number from the Food and Drug Administration. GACC provides Chinese facility registration numbers for each facility and product category combination. But production facilities may have multiple GACC facility registration numbers and may ship to several markets. While Chinese importers are more familiar with GACC registration numbers, using one number reduces complexity for the production facility. Decree 248 requires that the facility registration number of the exporting country or the facility registration number from GACC be on the inner and outer packaging.

FAS China has published several reports on Decrees 248 and 249 to inform and educate U.S. food and agricultural stakeholders over the last few years. The three reports listed below are

among the most recent. The second report includes links to prior reports. Inquires on Decree 248 can be directed to [Decree248inquiry@usda.gov](mailto:Decree248inquiry@usda.gov).

[Information for Industry Regarding Decree 248 and CIFER](#)  
[Decree 248 Facility and Product Registration Expectations](#)  
[Introduction to Facility Registration Under Decree 248](#)

**Attachments:**

[Sep 12, 2023 Decree 248 Code.xlsx](#)

[Aug 23, 2023 Decree 248 Code.xlsx](#)

[May 18, 2023 Decree 248 Code.xlsx](#)