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Report Highlights:

On December 26, several authorities of the People's Republic of China (PRC) issued Announcement No. 132 of 2022 related to the development of an online verification program of several agricultural and related product import tariff quota certificates. PRC authorities discontinued issuing paper quota certificates and have move towards now issuing electronic quota certificates for several agricultural products (i.e., grains), fertilizers, and cotton. This report contains an unofficial translation of the announcement.

Background Information: The PRC maintains an import quota administrative system for a number of agricultural products as part of various bilateral trade agreements as well as China's Accession Agreement to the World Trade Organization. Historically, the PRC issued import quota certificates in a physical, paper, format. Authorities in the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)) have moved toward electronic certificates and will discontinue issuing import quotas to recipients in a paper format. Recipients should use the electronic information from the NDRC and MOFCOM when applying with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) to clear consignments.

Unofficial Translation:

Announcement No. 132 [2022] of the GACC, the NDRC, and MOFCOM titled Announcement on the full implementation of the Online Verification of "Agricultural Products Import Tariff Quota Certificates of the People's Republic of China" and Other Certificates

In order to further optimize the port business environment and promote the facilitation of cross-border trade, based on previous pilot programs, GACC, NDRC, and MOFCOM have decided to implement the electronic data online verification of three certificates including the "Agricultural Products Import Tariff Quotas Certificate of the People's Republic of China" from January 1, 2023.

1. Fully implement the online verification of the electronic data of the certificates and electronic data of the customs declarations, the certificates include "Agricultural Products Import Tariff Quota Certificate of the People's Republic of China", "Fertilizer Import Tariff Quota Certificate of the People's Republic of China" and "Non-tariff Quota Preferential Tariff Rate Quota for Imported Cotton" (hereinafter referred to as the Quota Certificates).
2. The NDRC and MOFCOM will no longer issue paper quota certificates, but instead issue electronic quota certificates, and transmit the electronic data to customs. The enterprise goes through the import customs procedures with the electronic quota certificate, and the customs compares the electronic data of the quota certificate and the electronic data of the customs declaration form for verification. If the paper quota certificates are still valid, enterprises can go through the import procedures at customs with the paper quota certificates within the validity period.
3. There is no limitation to the number of times the electronic quota certificate can be used. Quota certificates with no restrictions on trade methods are applicable to imports in general trade, processing trade, barter trade, border small-value trade, aid, donation and other trade methods.

4. To use the quota certificate to go through the import declaration procedures with customs, the enterprise should accurately fill in the quota certificate code and serial number and fill in the corresponding relationship between the commodity items in the customs declaration form and the commodity items in the quota certificate (see the appendix for filling requirements). The importer and import user of the “Fertilizer Import Tariff Quota Certificate of the People's Republic of China” shall be the same as the consignee and consignor and consumption unit in the customs declaration form. For the “Agricultural Products Import Tariff Quota Certificate of the People's Republic of China” and “Non-tariff Quota Preferential Tariff Rate Quota for Imported Cotton,” if the goods are imported in the form of processing trade, the name of the end user shall be consistent with the consumption unit or consignee and consignor in the customs declaration form; and if the goods are imported by other trade methods, the name of the end user shall be consistent with the consumption unit in the customs declaration form.
5. According to Article 15 of the “Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Import and Export Tariffs,” the goods declared in advance “should be applied to the tax rate implemented on the date of the declaration of entry by the means of transport carrying the goods,” for the goods that choose to declare in advance, the quota certificate should be in valid when the customs accept the quota certificate on the date of declaration of import of goods and the date of declaration of entry by means of transport. If you choose two-step declaration, you should declare in accordance with the certificate-related mode.
6. The use of foreign national tariff quota certificates shall comply with the relevant provisions of the “Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of New Zealand,” “The Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Australia” and “the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius.” Meanwhile, the information in the column of “Preferential Trade Agreements” should also be filled in according to the requirements of GACC Announcement No. 34 of 2021.
7. In case of any relevant problems, please contact China International Trade “Single Window” customer service for consultation. Tel: 010-95198.

This announcement will take into effect on January 1, 2023. The Joint Announcement No. 92 of 2022 of the GACC, the NDRC, and MOFCOM is abolished simultaneously.

(Attachment: Filing instructions/requirements for customs declaration - Form in Chinese)

The original Announcement is accessible in Chinese via:

<http://www.customs.gov.cn/customs/302249/2480148/4761122/index.html>

Attachments:

[221228 Announcement No 132 Filing Requirements for Customs Declaration cn.doc](#)