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Report Highlights:

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) updated the list of products whose production facilities are required to register under Decree 248. U.S. exporters are encouraged to pay special attention to the addition of several kinds of frozen fruit, as well as preserved cranberries, and frozen potatoes and potato products. While GACC has said that it does not want to interrupt trade in previous communications, the agency has not published any clarifications on how Decree 248 requirements apply to products affected by these changes. The updated product list is attached to this report.

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Summary:

GACC recently updated the list of products whose production facilities are required to register under Decree 248. FAS China downloaded the list on February 14 and created the attached spreadsheet to assist U.S. exporters. GACC shortened the list but added several hundred commodity categories – notably in seafood and frozen fruit. U.S. exporters are encouraged to pay special attention to the addition of several kinds of frozen fruit, as well as preserved cranberries, and frozen potatoes and potato products.

GACC is routinely changing the list of commodities that require facility registration and exporters should regularly run a “Product Type Query” on GACC’s Single Window system to determine if their facilities need to register. While GACC has said that it does not want to interrupt trade in previous communications, the agency has not published any notifications or provided any guidance about these changes. As such, the agency has not said how Decree 248 will apply to shipments of products that were produced or shipped to China prior to being newly added to the list.

FAS China notes that, due to the design of GACC’s Single Window website, facilities shipping these types of products would have been unable to self-register or be registered by a Competent Authority previously.

Decree 248 Code List:

The attached spreadsheet contains four tabs:

- **Current List:** A current, complete list of the Harmonized System (HS) of Tariff codes and quarantine codes of the products requiring facility registration.
 - The list was downloaded on February 14, 2022.
 - The HS codes of additions are in red.
- **Added Combinations:** A list of only the HS and quarantine codes of the products GACC added.
- **Removed Combinations:** A list of only the HS and quarantine codes of the products GACC removed.
- **Codes with Additions:** A list of the existing HS codes that had new quarantine codes added.

Note: Quarantine codes are used in addition to the Chinese HS code by GACC port officials to further specify products or the end-use of products. Chinese and U.S. HS codes differ from each other.

Information on Decree 248:

Inquires on Decree 248 can be directed to Decree248inquiry@usda.gov.

FAS China has published the following reports on Decrees 248 and 249 to inform and educate U.S. food and agricultural stakeholders.

- [Verifying Decree 248 Facility Registration Information - January 17, 2022](#)
- [Decree 248 Single Window Searchable Database and Jan 1 Shipment Information - December 23, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Single Window Operation Manuals and Tutorial – December 22, 2021](#)
- [Decrees 248 and 249 – January 1 Implementation \[Public Notice 103\] – December 14, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 – FDA Constituent Update – December 8, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Single Window User Manual and Training – November 30, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 HS Codes Published in GACC Single Window – November 30, 2021](#)
- [Informing Industry and Supporting Trade Facilitation as China Implements Decrees 248 and 249 – November 10, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Information Update – November 19, 2021](#)
- [GACC Issues Interpretation of Decree 248 - November 6, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Foreign Facilities Self-Registration Website Launched - November 3, 2021](#)
- [Decree 248 Unofficial Self-Registration Guide for Overseas Food Facilities - November 2, 2021](#)
- [Notes from Information Sessions on GACC Decrees 248 and 249 - October 22, 2021](#)
- [GACC Issues Explanatory Letter on Decree 248 - October 8, 2021](#)
- [Interpretative Guidance on Imported Food Labeling Requirements in Decree 249 - August 13, 2021](#)
- [Decrees 248 and 249 Status Update on Facilities Registration and Food Safety Measures - May 25, 2021](#)
- [Administrative Measures on Import and Export Food Safety - Decree 249 - May 7, 2021](#)
- [Overseas Facilities Registration Regulation - Decree 248 - April 20, 2021](#)
- [China Notified the Draft Administrative Measures on Import and Export Food Safety - December 11, 2020](#)
- [China Notifies Revised Overseas Facilities Registration Regulations as TBT 1522 - December 2, 2020](#)
- [China Released Draft Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported Foods - December 6, 2019](#)

Attachments:

[February 2022 Decree 248 Code Changes.xlsx](#)