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**Report Highlights:**

On November 2, the website for self-registration of foreign food production facilities that export to China became accessible. The current version of the website is accessible with data field categories in Chinese. The website was specified by the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) in part of its guidance to foreign missions on Decree 248. GACC also released an English translation of Decree 248 on November 2, 2021.

## Website for Self-Registration of Facilities

The website for firms to self-register facilities for export of food products to China under Decree 248 is now available for use but is almost entirely in Chinese. It can be accessed by going to <https://new.singlewindow.cn/> and clicking on the Chinese text that appears when you hover over the CIFER icon. According to GACC Decree 248, self-registration is only supposed to be for facilities that produce products outside of the categories described below. Post has heard that GACC plans to publish a user guide to the website. To inform and educate U.S. food, beverage, and agricultural stakeholders, FAS China staff will endeavor to provide a GAIN report with “screen shots” of the various data fields that need to be completed by registrants along with a partial and unofficial translation of select portions of the website. [Note: Since it came online, users have experienced intermittent technical issues. End Note.]

GACC Decree 248 states that facilities producing products other than those on the following list “shall ... file applications for registration with GACC...” In its September 29 letter, GACC provides [www.singlewindow.cn](http://www.singlewindow.cn) as the location to file applications. [Note: These links are not identical. Users report the <https://new.singlewindow.cn/> link requires fewer steps to access. End Note.]

Article 7 of Decree 248 states that “Overseas manufacturers of the following foods shall be recommended by the competent authorities of their countries/regions to GACC for registration...” It then lists the following items. Please note that GACC has not yet provided Harmonized Tariff System codes for these items. [Note. As of November 3, registrants attempting to enter data for facilities handling the below listed products are unable to complete the GACC process. End Note.]

- Meat and meat products
- Sausage casings
- Aquatic products
- Dairy products,
- Bird nests and bird nest products
- Bee products
- Eggs and egg products
- Edible oils (and fats) and oilseeds
- Stuffed wheaten products
- Edible grains
- Milled grain industry products and malt
- Fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans
- Condiments
- Nuts and seeds
- Dried fruits
- Unroasted coffee beans and cocoa beans
- Foods for special dietary purposes
- Health foods.

Please refer to the reports below for additional information on Decrees 248 and 249. FAS China will provide information on the implementation of both decrees as it becomes available.

- [Decree 248](#): Overseas Facilities Registration Regulation
- [Decree 249](#): Administrative Measures on Import and Export Food Safety
- [Decrees 248 and 249](#): Status Update on Facilities Registration and Food Safety Measures
- [Decree 249, Article 30](#): Interpretive Guidance on Imported Food Labeling Requirements
- [GACC Issues Explanatory Letter and Annexes on Decree 248](#):  
Unofficial Translation of Letter and Annexes
- [Decrees 248 and 249](#): Notes from Information Sessions on GACC Decrees 248 and 249

In a September 29 letter addressed to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China, GACC provided the following contact points for inquiries on Decree 248:

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### **GACC Releases English Translation of Decree 248**

On November 2, 2021, the Import and Export Food Safety Bureau of GACC published an English translation of Decree 248 for reference on its website. It closely follows the translation FAS China published on April 20, 2021 in the Decree 248 GAIN report. The GACC translation can be found at [this link](#). Note that the Chinese original is the official regulation.

### **Attachments:**

No Attachments.