**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Registration**

1. **Who needs to register with Chinese authority?**

Registration will apply to all UK manufacturers, processers, and storage companies that exports food (excluding food additives and food related products) to China.

While GACC did not specify what food related products are, our understanding is that this relates to food packaging, catering products, etc. We are expecting this to be clarified when the more detailed implementation guidance is published.

1. **Which Establishments will need to register through the UK Competent Authority?**

Establishments that process/store meat, fish, dairy, and bird’s nest products for exporting to China are already required to register with the GACC via UK competent authorities. These businesses don’t have to re-register.

From 1st January 2022, establishments who process/store any commodity under Annex 1 for exporting to China will also be required to register via UK competent authorities.

1. **Which establishments will need to self-register with Chinese authority?**

Establishments that process/store food products for exporting to China that are not meat, fish, dairy, bird’s nest products, or products under Annex 1 are required to self-register with Chinese authority.

1. **If I am required to self-register with the GACC, how do I do this?**

Establishments can register directly with the GACC via [http://www.singlewindow.cn/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.singlewindow.cn%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cbunmi.o%27tola%40defra.gov.uk%7C28a6ed632b04451ab16b08d992d67d75%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C637702272201674257%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qtkG0yotEL0kQkatQtjI2OmBVI6h%2FzhXCm6rxk23%2F5w%3D&reserved=0). Establishments can also register via an agent. Applications via an agent will require an authorisation letter containing basic information of the establishment, its agent and authorised matters, including authorisation date and period, signature or stamp of the establishment.

1. **Is there a way to fast-track my registration with GACC?**

If your establishment process/store products under annex 1 and has exported such products to China since 1January 2017, your establishment is qualified for GACC’s fast-track approval process. Please fill in Annex 2 and send to [agrifoodexports@defra.gov.uk](mailto:agrifoodexports@defra.gov.uk) by 17 December 2021 to benefit from this process.

1. **How will I know when my registration starts?**

Businesses already registered with the GACC will receive a confirmation of their registration start and end date. You will be able to apply for an extension three to six months before the end date, as required by Article 20 of Decree 248.

1. **Which Chinese authority is responsible for the registration of overseas food establishments?**

General Administration of Customs China (GACC) is responsible for this work.

1. **Which UK competent authorities are responsible for the registration of overseas food establishments?**

Defra are working with FSA and other competent authorities to develop the registration process that will apply.

1. **Under which conditions would GACC approve the registration of overseas food establishments?**

GACC has set out a number of requirements for food establishments exporting to China. These are designed to ensure there are effective food management systems in place and that exports comply with Chinese requirements; Defra will work with GACC to confirm the process for exports from the UK. This will be based on existing UK processes for monitoring and ensuring compliance with food safety requirements.

1. **How do I register with GACC?**

If your products fall into the categories of Annex 1 you will need to register with GACC through UK competent authorities. UK competent authorities will provide GACC with a list of registered establishments and associated assurances.

1. **Is the template of registration application form available?**

Not yet. We are expecting a registration application form when more detailed implementation guidance is published.

1. **How long will the registration be valid for?**

Five years

1. **When does this regulation come into force?**

1 January 2022. However, discussions are ongoing about the potential for applying an implementation period.

1. **What if my establishment is already trading or approved for trading with the GACC, will it be affected by the new registration changes?**

If an establishment is registered with the GACC and has been trading for five years, no action should be needed. Re-registration would take place when the existing one runs out. If registration has run out, re-registration with the GACC is required.

1. **What changes impacts labelling of products?**

As part of the new import regulations labels must be fixed to the inner and outer packaging for all products listed in Annex 1 including sales packaging. For products which are foods for special dietary needs and health foods, labels must be printed on packaging, adhesive labels will not be accepted.

1. **When does the labelling changes come into force?**

The new labelling rules apply to products shipped to China after the 31st December 2021. Products which have left the UK before this date will not be subject to the new labelling requirements.

**Annex 1**

* Casing
* Bee products
* Egg and egg products
* Edible oils and fats
* Stuffed pasta
* Edible cereals
* Products of the milling industry and malt
* Fresh or dried vegetables and leguminous vegetables
* Sauces and seasonings
* Nuts and seeds
* Dried fruits
* Raw coffee and cocoa beans
* Food for special dietary uses
* Health foods

**Annex 2**

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| **Registration No.** | **Name of Establishment** | **Address of Establishment** | **State/Province/**  **District** | **City** | **Establishment Type** | **Products for Approval** | **HS Code (8-10 digits)** | **Latest date of trade to China** |
| Approval number provided by FSA/FSS (printed on packaging). If not, Company Registration No. |  |  |  |  | PP – Processing Plant  CS – Cold Store  DS – Dry Store  \*delete as appropriate |  |  |  |

**Annex 3**

Category: 蔬菜及其制品(保鲜和脱水蔬菜除外) / Vegetables and their processed products (except fresh and dehydrated vegetables)

Sub-category: 蔬菜及其制品(保鲜和脱水蔬菜除外) / Vegetables and their products (except fresh and dehydrated vegetables)

Category: 粮食制品以及其他产品 / processed grain products and other products

Sub-category: 粮食制品以及其他产品 / processed grain products and other products

Category: 茶叶类 / Tea

Sub-category: 茶叶类 / Tea

Category: 坚果及籽类制品 / processed nuts and seeds products

Sub-category: 坚果及籽类制品/ processed nuts and seeds products

Category: 酒类 / Alcoholic drinks

Sub-category: 发酵酒及其配制酒 / Fermented drinks and its blended drinks 蒸馏酒及其配制酒/ Distilled drinks and its blended drinks 其他原酒及食用酒精 / Other undenatured and denatured ethyl alcohol

Category: 饮料及冷冻饮品 / Beverages and frozen drinks

Sub-category: 包装饮用水 / Packaged drinking water 果蔬汁及其饮料 / Fruit and vegetable juices and beverages 蛋白饮料 / Protein drink 碳酸饮料 / Carbonated drinks 茶(类)饮料 / Tea (type) beverage 咖啡(类)饮料 / Coffee (type) beverage 植物饮料 / Plant drink 固体饮料 / solid drink 其他饮料 / Other drinks 特殊用途饮料 / Special purpose beverages 冷冻饮品及其制作料、食用冰 / Frozen drinks and their preparation materials, edible ice

Category: 饼干、糕点、面包 / Biscuits, pastries, bread

Sub-category: 饼干、糕点、面包 / Biscuits, pastries, bread Category: 糖类（包括原糖、食糖、乳糖、糖浆等）/ Sugars (including raw sugar, table sugar, lactose, syrup, etc.) Sub-category: 原糖 / raw sugar 食糖 / table sugar 乳糖 / lactose 糖浆 / syrup 其他糖 / other sugar

Category: 糖果、巧克力（包括巧克力、代可可脂巧克力及其制品）/ Candy, chocolate (including chocolate, cocoa butter substitute chocolate and its products)

Sub-category: 糖果 / candy 巧克力 / chocolate 其他糖果、巧克力 / other candy and chocolate

Category: 调味品（不包括食糖）/ Condiments (not including sugar)

Sub-category: 食用盐 / cooking salt 酱油 / soy sauce 食醋 / Vinegar 味精 / MSG 其他调味品(不包括糖) / Other seasonings (not including sugar)

Category: 经烘焙的咖啡豆、可可豆及其制品(不包括巧克力) / Roasted coffee beans, cocoa beans and their products (excluding chocolate)

Sub-category: 经烘焙的咖啡豆及其制品(不包括巧克力) / Roasted coffee beans and their products (excluding chocolate) 经烘焙的可可豆及其制品(不包括巧克力) / Roasted cocoa beans and their products (excluding chocolate)

Category: 水果制品 / processed fruit products

Sub-category: 果酱 / jam 果粉 / Fruit powder 水果罐头 / Canned Fruit

Category: 其他杂项食品 / Other miscellaneous food

Sub-category: 蜜饯 / Candied fruit 膨化食品 / Puffed food 酿酒原料 / Brewing ingredients 食品加工用菌种 / Strains for food processing 果冻 / jelly 蛋白质及其衍生物 / Protein and its derivatives 棕榈芯 / Palm core

Category: 中药材 / Chinese herbal medicine

Sub-category: 中药材 / Chinese herbal medicine

**Annex 4**

Establishment statement template

企业声明 现声明本企业提交信息与相关材料真实、完整，能够符合中国和 (出 口国国家或地区名称）相关法规及《中华人民共和国进口食品境外生产企业注册管理 规定》的要求。

企业法人代表姓名和职务

企业法人签章 日期

English translation:

Establishment statement It is hereby declared that the information and related materials submitted by my company are true and complete, and can comply with the relevant laws and regulations of China and (name of the exporting country or region) and the requirements of the "Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food".

The name and position of the legal representative of the establishment Legal representative

Signature and Seal Date