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# APHA Briefing Note 05/21

## Chinese Import Regulation Changes

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### Purpose

1. To inform Local Authorities of the new Chinese Import Regulations and provide details on the information that has been sent to businesses on this.

### Background

2. Defra has been informed of new requirements that will be introduced on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food (Decree 248) and Administrative Measures on Import and Export Food Safety (Degree 249) when exporting a range of food products to China. The Decrees enter into force on 1 January 2022.
3. These seek to further strengthen processes to ensure the safety of imported food and extend the range of products where registration is required. Companies exporting to China will need to register their establishments with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC).
4. Defra is working with Devolved Governments, the FSA/FSS and others on implementation of these measures. GACC are due to publish more detailed implementation guidance shortly which will clarify the scope of products impacted and the specific requirements that will apply. This will then inform the process put in place in the UK to ensure compliance.
5. We are currently engaging with the GACC on this issue, including requesting sufficient time for companies to comply with any new requirements.
6. We will issue further comms once we have more information.

## Key changes

7. Registration will apply to all UK manufacturers, processors, 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.
8. 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 1 January 2022, establishments who process/store any commodity listed below for exporting to China will also be required to register via UK competent authorities.
9. Establishments that process/store food products for exporting to China that are not meat, fish, dairy, bird's nest products, or products listed below are required to self-register with Chinese authority. The registration link <http://www.singlewindow.cn/> will be online from 1 November 2021 according to Chinese authority.
  - 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

## Further Information

10. See further information in [FAQs](#).