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**Registration requirements for food businesses exporting to China -
Suggested interpretation by the European Union of GACC Decree 248**

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Live animals	01	No registration necessary. Veterinary certification requirements and protocols may apply.	Decree No. 248 does not involve live animals, and the relevant requirements are subject to the opinions of the department of Animal and Plant Quarantine.
Meat, meat products, Dairy products, fishery products, egg products, honey and bee products.	02, 03, 04	Establishments that are already registered do not need to register again before the expiry of the validity of their current registration. Establishments should check the completeness of their information in the CIFER system of GACC. Producers and exporters not yet registered must register with recommendation accordance with Article 8. This includes casings under HS code 0504 but no other products under HS code 05.	For overseas production enterprises that have been registered under Chapters 02, 03, 04, there is no need to re-register within the validity period of the existing registration. The competent authority should check whether the information in the information system of the General Administration of Customs is complete. For production enterprises that have not yet been registered, the competent authority of the country (region) where they are located shall recommend registration to the General Administration of Customs.

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Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	0504 (casings) All other products in Chapter 5	Producers and exporters of casings that are not yet registered must register with recommendation accordance with Article 8. No registration necessary.	Overseas production enterprises such as stomach and casings products under Chapter 05 shall be recommended to the General Administration of Customs for registration by the competent authority of the country (region) where they are located. For other products, further responses can be provided after specific tariff numbers are provided. The exporters are not applicable to Decree 248.
Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	06	No registration necessary. Phytosanitary certification requirements and protocols may apply.	Decree No. 248 does not involve living trees and other living plants; bulbs, roots and similar products; flower arrangement and decorative foliage. The relevant requirements are subject to the opinions of the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine.
Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	07 Except 07019010 (potatoes for manufacturing of starch.)	Packing houses or exporters not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8. Farms or orchards do not have to register. For fresh vegetables, additional phytosanitary certification requirements and protocols may apply.	For overseas production enterprises of edible vegetables, the competent authority of the country (region) where they are located shall recommend registration to the General

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			Administration of Customs.
Edible nuts, dried seeds, Dried bananas and plantains, Dates figs pineapples Citrus fruit Dried grapes Other dried fruit Peels of citrus or water melon	0801 0802 08031090 08039090 ex 0804 (only dried) ex 0805 (only dried) 080620 0813 0814 All other products in Chapter 08	Packing houses or exporters of nuts not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8. Farms or orchards do not have to register. Manufacturers of dried fruit must register with recommendation accordance with Article 8. Suppliers of fruit for drying or orchards do not need to register. dto dto dto dto No registration is necessary for peels of citrus or water melon under HS code 0814 All other producers, exporters or packing houses of fruit falling under HS code 08 must self-register in accordance with Article 9. For fresh fruit, additional phytosanitary certification requirements and protocols may apply.	The overseas nuts production enterprise shall, in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248, register with recommendation to General Administration of Customs by the overseas competent authority. Manufacturers of dried fruit must register with recommendation in accordance with Article 8 by its competent authority. Overseas establishments with certain products under HS code 0813 and 0814 apply for registration on their own in accordance with Article 9 of Decree 248. For other products, further responses can be provided after specific tariff numbers are provided. Fresh fruit production and processing enterprises, orchards, and exporters are not applicable to Decree 248. Production and processing enterprises that do not directly export food products to China do not need to apply for registration.
Coffee beans, unroasted	09011100 09011200	Exporters of unroasted coffee or producers of decaffeinated,	According to Article 8 of Decree No. 248,

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Coffee, tea, mate	09012100 09012200 0902 0903	<p>unroasted coffee that are not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8. Farms do not have to register.</p> <p>Exporters or packing houses of coffee, tea or mate must self-register in accordance with Article 9.</p> <p>All other producers or exporters of spices falling under HS code 09 do not have to register.</p>	<p>the overseas production enterprises of 09011100 and 09011200 unroasted coffee shall register with recommendation to the General Administration of Customs by the overseas competent authority.</p> <p>09012100, 09012200 coffee, etc. shall be registered by overseas production enterprises in accordance with Article 9 of Decree No. 248.</p> <p>For other products with HS code 09, further responses can be provided after specific tariff numbers are provided. The exporters are not applicable to Decree 248.</p>
Cereals	10011900 (durum) 10019900 (wheat) 10029000 (rye) 10039000 (barley) 10049000 (oats) 10059000 (maize) ex 1006 (rice) - except 10061010 10079000 (sorghum) ex 10008 (cereals) - except 10082900	<p>Consignors and exporters of cereals NOT intended for sowing that are not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8. Farms do not have to register.</p> <p>Exporters of seeds for sowing do not have to register.</p>	<p>For grains such as barley, wheat, rye, corn, rice, etc., the relevant requirements are subject to the opinions of the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine.</p> <p>Overseas production enterprises of sorghum (10079000) and rice shall, in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248, register with recommendation by the foreign competent authority to the General Administration of Customs.</p>

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			Decree No. 248 does not involve planting grains, and the relevant requirements are subject to the opinions of the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine.
Products of the milling industry;	11 1108 and 1109 (starches, inulin, gluten)	Producers and exporters that are not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8. Producers and exporters of starch, inulin or gluten do not have to register.	The overseas production enterprises of wheat starch (1108) shall, in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248, register with recommendation by the overseas competent authority to the General Administration of Customs. For other products under Item HS Code 1109, further info can be given after specific tariff numbers are provided. The exporters are not applicable to Decree 248.
Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	12019000 (soy beans) 12024100 12024200 (groundnut) All other products under HS code 12	Producers and exporters that are not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8. Exporters or packing houses of products intended for human consumption must self-register in accordance with Article 9. Exporters and producers of products intended for animal feed or industrial uses do not have to register. (<i>enforcement problem?</i>)	Soybean (12019000), the relevant requirements are subject to the opinions of the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine. Peanuts (12024100, 12024200) overseas production enterprises shall, in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248, register with recommendation by the foreign competent authority to the

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			<p>General Administration of Customs.</p> <p>For other products under HS code Chapter 12, further responses can be provided after specific tariff numbers are provided.</p> <p>The exporters are not applicable to Decree 248.</p> <p>Animal feed or products for industrial use are not applicable to Decree 248.</p> <p>Animal feed is in the portfolio of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Department of the General Administration of Customs;</p> <p>The Commodity Inspection Department of the General Administration of Customs is responsible for products for industrial purposes. The relevant requirements shall be subject to their opinions.</p>
Lac, gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	13	<p>Exporters or producers of products intended for human consumption must self-register in accordance with Article 9.</p> <p>Exporters and producers of products intended for animal feed or industrial uses do not have to register.</p>	<p>Some overseas manufacturers of products under Chapter 13 apply for self-registration in accordance with Article 9 of Decree No. 248.</p> <p>A further reply can be made after specific tariff number is</p>

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Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	14	No registration necessary.	Decree No. 248 does not involve plant materials for weaving, and the relevant requirements are subject to the opinions of the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine.
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	15	<p>Exporters or producers of products intended for human consumption must self-register in accordance with Article 9.</p> <p>Exporters and producers of products intended for animal feed or industrial uses do not have to register. (<i>enforcement problem?</i>)</p>	<p>Overseas production enterprises such as lard, poultry fat, beef and sheep fat under Chapter 15 shall register with the recommendation of Competent Authority to the General Administration of Customs in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248.</p> <p>A further reply can be made after the specific tariff number is provided for the specific product.</p> <p>The exporter is not applicable to Decree 248.</p> <p>Animal feed or products for industrial use are not applicable to Decree 248.</p>
Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates.	16 Food for special dietary purposes	Producers and exporters that are not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8.	Some overseas producers of commodities under Chapter 16, such as wild animal meat, offal, sausages, etc., should register with recommendation to the General

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		<p>Certification requirements apply for infant food preparations (CN code 16021000) and may also apply for other products intended for special dietary purposes.</p>	<p>Administration of Customs in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248.</p> <p>A further reply can be made after the specific tariff number is provided for specific product.</p> <p>The exporter is not applicable to Decree 248.</p>
Sugars and sugar confectionery	17	<p>Exporters or producers of products intended for human consumption must self-register in accordance with Article 9.</p> <p>Exporters and producers of products intended for animal feed or industrial uses do not have to register. (<i>enforcement problem?</i>)</p>	<p>Some overseas producers of commodities under Chapter 17, such as raw sugar, sugar, lactose, etc., apply for self-registration in accordance with Article 9 of Decree 248.</p> <p>A further reply can be made after the specific tariff number is provided for specific product.</p> <p>The exporter is not applicable to Decree 248.</p> <p>Animal feed or products for industrial use are not applicable to Decree 248.</p>
Cocoa and cocoa preparations	<p>18010000 (cocoa bean)</p> <p>All other tariff lines in chapter 18.</p>	<p>Exporters or packing houses of cocoa beans that are not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8. Farms do not have to register. Exporters or producers of products intended for human consumption must self-register in accordance with Article 9.</p>	<p>Cocoa bean (18010000) overseas production enterprises shall register with recommendation to the General Administration of Customs by the overseas competent authority in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248.</p>

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<p>Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products</p>	<p>190220 (Pasta, stuffed with meat or other substances)</p> <p>All other tariff lines in chapter 19.</p> <p>Food for special dietary purposes</p>	<p>Producers and exporters of pasta, stuffed with meat or other substances that are not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8.</p> <p>Producers and exporters of products intended for human consumption must self-register in accordance with Article 9.</p> <p>Certification requirements apply for infant food preparations (CN code 19011000) and may also apply for other products intended for special dietary purposes.</p>	<p>Overseas production enterprises of raw pasta (1902200000109) shall, in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248, register with recommendation for by the foreign competent authority to the General Administration of Customs.</p> <p>Mooncake (1902200000101) overseas production enterprises should apply for self-registration in accordance with Article 9 of Decree No. 248.</p> <p>A further reply can be made after the specific tariff number is provided for specific product.</p> <p>The exporter is not applicable to Decree 248.</p> <p>Overseas production enterprises of special dietary foods shall, in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248, register with recommendation by the overseas</p>

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			competent authority to the General Administration of Customs.
Preparations of vegetables, mushrooms, fruit or nuts containing ingredients of plant origin, such as Jams, compotes, canned fruit, fruit juices	20	Producers and exporters must self-register in accordance with Article 9.	Some products under Chapter 20, such as sauce, jelly and other overseas production enterprises, should apply for self-registration in accordance with Article 9 of Decree No. 248. A further reply can be made after the specific tariff number is provided for specific product. The exporter is not applicable to Decree 248.
Miscellaneous edible preparations	2103 All other tariff lines in chapter 21.	Producers and exporters of soy sauce, ketchup, mustard and other seasonings that are not yet registered in the CIFER system of GACC must register with recommendation according to Article 8. Producers and exporters must self-register in accordance with Article 9.	Some overseas manufacturers of products in Chapter 21, such as soy sauce and tomato sauce, should apply for self-registration in accordance with Article 9 of Decree 248. For specific products of condiments, further responses can be provided after specific tariff numbers are provided. The exporter is not applicable to Decree 248.
Beverages, spirits and vinegar	22 2204 (wines)	Producers and exporters must self-register in accordance with Article 9. <i>According to GACC, producer of individually labelled wines must self-register (i.e. the 'chateau' or the DOC), not only the</i>	Overseas production enterprises such as wine, distilled spirits and liqueurs shall apply for self-registration in accordance with Article 9 of Decree No. 248.

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	<i>2208 Spirits and liqueurs</i>	<p><i>exporter or consignor. This will require a very high number of self registrations (likely > 20.000), which may distract resources away from more relevant administrative tasks).</i></p> <p><i>Individual vineyards contributing to a labelled wine do not have to register.</i></p> <p>Producers and exporters of blended spirits and liqueurs have to register. Producers of ingredients do not have to register.</p>	<p>A further reply can be made after the specific tariff number is provided for specific product.</p> <p>Vineyards and exporters are not applicable to Decree 248.</p> <p>Overseas production companies that do not directly export food products to China do not need to apply for registration.</p>
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder	23	No registration necessary.	Decree No. 248 does not involve residues and waste from the food industry and prepared animal feed.
Tobacco products	24	No registration necessary.	Decree No. 248 does not cover tobacco products.
Food grade salt and table salt and products with the name salt	25010091 table salt	Producers and exporters must self-register in accordance with Article 9. For table salt, licensing provisions apply.	<p>The overseas production enterprises of edible salt (2501001100) should apply for self-registration in accordance with Article 9 of Decree No. 248.</p> <p>The exporter is not applicable to Decree No. 248.</p>
Odoriferous mixtures as raw materials for industry for example flavours and essences	3302	Producers and exporters of products intended for human consumption (e.g. in beverages) must self-register in accordance with Article 9.	Food additives are in the portfolio of the Commodity Inspection Department of the General Administration of Customs; this is subject to the opinion of the Commodity Inspection Department.

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lbuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	3501 (casein) 3502 (albumin) 3503 (gelatine) 3504 (collagen) 3505 (dextrins) 3507 (enzymes)	Producers and exporters of products intended for human consumption must self-register in accordance with Article 9.	<p>The overseas production enterprises of edible casein (3501100000), whey protein powder (3502200010), and peptone (3504001000) shall, in accordance with Article 8 of Decree No. 248, register with recommendation by the foreign competent authority to the General Administration of Customs.</p> <p>Foreign manufacturers of dextrin (3505100000) and other animal glues (3503009000) should apply for self-registration in accordance with Article 9 of Decree 248.</p> <p>Specific products need to further confirm the tariff number before replying.</p> <p>The exporter is not applicable to Decree 248.</p>