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Report Highlights:

This is an UNOFFICIAL translation of the People's Republic of China AQSIQ and MOA Joint Announcement No. 143 and should be used as a guide only. Exporters should thoroughly discuss regulations and their application with Chinese importers to ensure that their interpretation of the decree is accurate.

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Summary

China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (hereinafter referred to as AQSIQ) and the Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as MOA) issued Joint Announcement Number 143 on March 1, 2003. This Announcement preceded Joint Announcement Number 144 (see GAIN report CH2035). Both announcements regulate the importation of animal and animal products from BSE affected countries.

AQSIQ and MOA Joint Announcement No. 143 BEGIN TRANSLATION

In order to prevent BSE from entering China and to protect the safety of animal husbandry and human health, the following is announced based on the "Law of the People's Republic of China on Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine" (CH1051) and other relevant laws and regulations.

- 1. It is forbidden to directly import any live cattle, bovine embryos, bovine semen, beef products (including offal), processed products, feed made of ruminant animals (including meat and bone meal of cattle, sheep or goats, bone meal, meat meal, blood meal, plasma meal, dry blood plasma and other blood products, dehydrated protein, hoof meal, horn meal, dregs of fat, hydrogen calcium phosphate, gelatin, and all kinds of feed using any of the above-mentioned materials) from BSE affected countries or areas.
- 2. It is forbidden to import feed products made of animal origin materials from any EU member country. The "Notification on Strengthening the Management of Feed Products made of Animal Materials with Meat and Bone Meal" (MOA, Animal and Livestock Husbandry Notice [2000] No. 21) shall be strictly implemented.
- 3. It is forbidden to import live cattle, bovine embryos, bovine semen, beef products (including offal) and processed products from any EU member country.
- 4. It is forbidden to bring or send by post the above-mentioned products into China.
- 5. When the above-mentioned products that are smuggled into China are intercepted, they shall

be destroyed under the supervision of the area inspection and quarantine organization.

- 6. If international ships, airplanes, and vehicles that transit or stop over in China are discovered with the above mentioned products from BSE affected countries or areas, the products shall be sealed.
- 7. At present, BSE affected countries include Britain, Ireland, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Germany, Portugal, Denmark, Italy, Spain, and Liechtenstein. Newly affected countries will be added automatically to this list.
- 8. Any violation of this regulation will be handled by the inspection and quarantine organization according to the "Law of the People's Republic of China on the Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine" (CH1051).
- 9. All entry and exit inspection and quarantine organizations and animal quarantine supervision organizations at various levels shall cooperate and effectively implement quarantine, disease prevention, and supervision.

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