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Executive Summary

This report is the *China Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) Working Index*. It is a working index of all regulations and standards pertaining to food and food imports that have been translated by the Agricultural Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Each regulation and standard is now contained in a separate report on the GAIN system. These reports can be accessed on the Foreign Agricultural Service web site at "www.fas.usda.gov" under the Attache Reports section. Readers can search for reports of interest by name or document number (CHXXXX).

This working index will be updated when new regulations and standards are issued by the People's Republic of China and when existing regulations and standards are amended. Please check the FAS web site periodically for the most current index.

Please note that these translations are UNOFFICIAL and should be used as guidelines only. Exporters are advised to thoroughly discuss all regulatory and implementation details with their PRC customers, and to keep in mind that the Chinese regulatory system is not always predictable. Many regulations are short on detail, and interpretations can differ from port to port.

The date next to the report is the publication date of the Chinese version that has been translated. For answers to specific questions, U.S. exporters are encouraged to contact any of the FAS offices in China, or the Foreign Agricultural Service in Washington, DC. Contact Information is on the following page.

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I. Food Laws

Food Hygiene Law - CH1042

Translated version: October 30, 1995

This law governs hygiene for all food, food additives, food containers, packaging materials, instruments, equipment, detergents and disinfectants, as well as food production and marketing operations, locations, and facilities. The Public Health Administration of the State Council is the statutory authority responsible for this law.

In addition, these measures establish an application system for the use of GM food and food ingredients in food manufacturing or processing along with an evaluation system for GM food quality and safety. The measures require GM foods and foods made from GM materials to be labeled. Finally, the measures introduce a monitoring system for processors or manufacturers of foods using genetically engineered ingredients or raw materials. The Ministry of Health has not issued the "Implementation Measures for Genetically Modified Food Hygiene" nor the "GM Food Catalogue."

II. Labeling Requirements

General Standard for the Labeling of Foods - CH1043

Translated version: February 4, 1994

This National Standard (GB7718-1994) governs food labeling for all food related items for sale in China. Labels must be in Chinese and indicate the name brand of the food, ingredients, contents, shelf life, manufacturer or distributor, quality, and industry standards. These articles specify that labels for imported foods must indicate the country of origin and the name and address of the Chinese distributor. This standard adopts 1991 CODEX STAN 1.

Import-Export Food Labeling Management Regulation - CH1044

Translated version: February 15, 2000

This Regulation applies to the labels of all imported or exported foods. It provides for more stringent verification and inspection for the enforcement of import and export food product labeling. Also, the regulation streamlines previous requirements and provides for greater control over false, counterfeit, or poor quality products. At the national level, China's General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) has statutory authority over the inspection of import or export food labels while at the provincial level this responsibility is delegated to the Customs Inspection and Quality (CIQ) offices.

Ag GMO Labeling - Refer to GAIN Report CH2002

Requirements for Ag GMO Labeling are contained within the Agricultural Genetically Modified Organisms Implementation Measures CH2002.

National Standard for Feed Labeling - CH2040

Translated version: August 10, 1999

China's Ministry of Health (MOH) issued National Standard for Feed Labeling (GB10648-1999) that is effective from June 1, 2000. This is a revision of the previous National Standard for Feed Labeling issued in 1993. This report includes a preface of the changes along with full text of the new Standard.

Special Nutritional Food Labeling Standard - CH1045

Translated version: April 8, 1992

This MOH National Standard (GB13432-1992) refers to and adopts (CAC) CODEX STAN 146-1985 "Standard For the Labeling and Notation of Pre-packaged Special Purpose Foods" announced by the FAO/WHO Food Law Committee. This Standard governs all labeling requirements for foods and materials that are for domestic sale and directed at specific consumers; for example, infants, elderly, etc. This standard is proposed by China National Food Industry Standardization Technology Committee. This committee is formed by several ministries and responsible to the State Council.

III. Food Additive Regulations

Administration Measures for Food Additive Hygiene - CH2024

Translated version: March 28, 2002

The amended *Administrative Measures for Food Additive Hygiene* was approved by the MOH executive committee on December 11, 2001 and signed by Minister Zhang WenKang on March 28, 2002. These measures take effect on July 1, 2002. These measures explain the application procedures for the production, or new use, of food additives. The measures indicate the application procedures to request a change in the scope or dosage of food additives. The measures address production, marketing, and use of food additives, along with labeling and monitoring requirements. The means for punishing food additive producers, marketers, and users who are not in compliance with food additive regulations are indicated in Chapter Six of these measures.

Food Additive Hygiene Standard - CH1046

Translated version: December 29, 1996

This MOH Standard (GB2760-1996) identifies food additives that are permitted for use. The standard governs the use, extent, and dosage of existing categories of food additives used in China. Food additives not mentioned in this standard and food additives not approved for extension to foods may still be subject to regulation and registration. MOH is the regulatory body with statutory authority over food additives.

Food Additive Hygiene (1997 Supplement) - CH3001

Translated version: March 31, 1997

This Standard complements the Food Additive Hygiene Standard (CH1046) by identifying additional food additives that are permitted for use or that have been extended for use or increased dosages to other foods in China during the time period since the previous supplement.

Food Additive Hygiene (1998 Supplement) - CH3002

Translated version: April 8, 1998

This Standard complements the Food Additive Hygiene Standard (CH1046) and previous supplements by identifying additional food additives that are permitted for use or that have been extended for use or increased dosages to other foods in China during the time period since the previous supplement.

Food Additive Hygiene (1999 Supplement) - CH3003

Translated version: April 23, 1999

This Standard complements the Food Additive Hygiene Standard (CH1046) and previous supplements by identifying additional food additives that are permitted for use or that have been extended for use or increased dosages to other foods in China during the time period since the previous supplement.

Food Additive Hygiene (2000 Supplement) - CH3004

Translated version: May 1, 2000

This Standard complements the Food Additive Hygiene Standard (CH1046) and previous supplements by identifying additional food additives that are permitted for use or that have been extended for use or increased dosages to other foods in China during the time period since the previous supplement.

Food Additive Hygiene (2001 Supplement) - CH3005

Translated version: April 25, 2001

This Standard complements the Food Additive Hygiene Standard (CH1046) and previous supplements by identifying additional food additives that are permitted for use or that have been extended for use or increased dosages to other foods in China during the time period since the previous supplement.

Food Additive Hygiene (2002 Supplement) - CH3006

Translated version: March 18, 2002

This Standard complements the Food Additive Hygiene Standard (CH1046) and previous supplements by identifying additional food additives that are permitted for use or that have been extended for use or increased dosages to other foods in China during the time period since the previous supplement.

Food Additive Hygiene (2003 Supplement) - CH3061

Translated version: March 19, 2003

This Standard complements the Food Additive Hygiene Standard (CH1046) and previous supplements by identifying additional food additives that are permitted for use or that have been extended for use or increased dosages to other foods in China during the time period since the previous supplement.

IV. Pesticide and Other Contaminants

Pesticide and Other Contaminant Residue Limits - CH1047

Translated version: 1999

These limits, specified by MOH, identify pesticide limits that are permitted for use on commodities. Pesticide residue limits that are not specified may be specified in contracts between food or food material buyers and sellers. This list contains the 94 published maximum residue limits. An internal Chinese government memorandum lists a total of 126 pesticide maximum residue limits. This list is not yet published. The 32 remaining pesticides, although not published, are still subject to enforcement. The internal memorandum also provides more specific commodity distinctions.

V. Multiple Commodity Regulations and Requirements

Laws, Measures, Regulations, and Provisions

Law on Import and Export Commodity Inspection - CH2029

Translated version: April 28, 2002

This is an unofficial English translation of the amended National Party Congress (NPC) Law for Import and Export Commodity Inspection for the People's Republic of China. This Law provides the general framework of import and export commodity inspection. Chinese national technical standards (GB or GB/T) exist for specific commodities and often detail inspection procedures and requirements. U.S. exporters are encouraged to discuss relevant Chinese national standards with importers prior to shipment to ensure that their interpretation of the regulation is accurate.

Admin. Measures for Sampling Inspection on Import and Export Commodities - CH3013

Translated version: December 31, 2002

AQSIQ (2002) Decree No. 39, the *Administrative Measures for Sampling Inspection on Import and Export Commodities*, was adopted on December 19, 2002 and published on December 31, 2002 for implementation from February 1, 2003. These Measures apply to commodity sampling that is not mandated in other Administrative Measures or Laws.

Animal and Plant Entry and Exit Law - CH1051

Translated version: October 30, 1991

This Law (NPC Order Number 53) establishes the general guidelines for the import, export, and transit quarantine for animals, plants and the respective method of transport. The United States and China continue to actively engage one another in bilateral phytosanitary talks and protocols. For specific quarantine problems, contact the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Office in Beijing at telephone: (86-10) 6532-3212 and fax: (86-10) 6532-5813. AQSIQ acting for the State Council (SC) has statutory authority over this Law.

Implementation Regulations for Animal and Plant Entry and Exit Law - CH3110

Translated version: December 2, 1996

The Implementation Regulations were published and announced in SC Decree No. 206 for Implementation from January 1, 1997. The regulations provided the implementation details for the Animal and Plant Entry and Exit Law (NPC Order No. 53).

Admin. Measures for Review and Approval of Entry Animal and Plant Quarantine - CH2039

Translated version: August 1, 2002

AQSIQ 2002 Decree No. 25 "Administrative Measures for Review and Approval of Entry Animal and Plant Quarantine" was issued on August 1, 2002. The regulation is effective from September 1, 2002. The Measures regulate the application procedure for Entry Animal and Plant Quarantine permits along with the final use of such permits. The Measures also regulate AQSIQ's review and approval process for Entry Animal and Plant Quarantine.

Provisions on Animal and Animal Product Risk Analysis - CH3014

Translated version: December 31, 2002

AQSIQ 2002 Decree No. 40, the *Provisions for the Administration of Risk Analysis on Entry Animals and Animal Products*, was adopted on October 18, 2002 and approved on December 31, 2002 for implementation from February 1, 2003. China's WTO office notified this Decree as SPS Announcement 18 on June 13, 2003.

Regulation on Entering Animal Genetic Material Quarantine - CH3111

Translated version: May 14, 2003

AQSIQ 2003 Decree No. 47, the *Regulation on Entering Animal Genetic Material Quarantine*, was adopted on April 3, 2003 and approved on May 14, 2003 for implementation from July 1, 2003. China's WTO office notified this Regulation as SPS Announcement 19 on June 13, 2003.

Provisions on Plant and Plant Product Risk Analysis - CH3015

Translated version: December 31, 2002

AQSIQ 2002 Decree No. 41, the *Provisions for the Administration of Risk Analysis on Entry Plant and Plant Products*, was adopted on December 19, 2002 and approved on December 31, 2002 for implementation from February 1, 2003. China's WTO office notified this Decree as SPS Announcement 20 on June 17, 2003.

Registration Management Regulations for Foreign Manufacturers of Imported Food - CH2016

Translated version: 14 March 2002

AQSIQ 2002 Decree No. 16 provides for the regulation to monitor foreign manufacturers of food products exported to China. The appendix of this report includes the *Catalog of Imported Food Subject to Enterprise Registration*. At this time, only meat and meat by-products are included in this catalog. This regulation replaces China's previous *Registration Management Regulations on Foreign Manufacturers of Imported Food* (trial version) that was issued on 30 December 1999.

Consumer Protection Law - CH1055

Translated version: January 1, 1994

Unofficial English language text of the Consumer Protection Law for the People's Republic of China can be found at the web site: "<http://www.qis.net/chinalaw>". The law was adopted by the NPC in October 1993 and implemented January 1, 1994. The law guarantees consumers rights', details business operators' obligations and legal responsibilities, and outlines procedures for dispute resolution.

Admin. Rules for Agent Completed Applications for Import and Export Inspection and Quarantine - CH3020

Translated version: November 6, 2002

AQSIQ 2002 Announcement No. 33, *Administrative Rules for Agent Completed Applications for Import and Export Inspection and Quarantine*, was published on the AQSIQ website on November 6, 2002 for enforcement from January 1, 2003. This report provides guidelines and requirements for individuals that intend to become importing and exporting agents.

Admin. Rules for Agency/Business Enterprise Completed Applications for Import and Export Inspection and Quarantine - CH3021

Translated version: November 6, 2002

AQSIQ 2002 Announcement Number 34, *The Administrative Rules on Agencies Applying for Import and Export Inspection and Quarantine*, was published on the AQSIQ website on November 6, 2002 for enforcement from January 1, 2003. The "Rules" were published in Issue 17 of the China Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Gazette on March 18, 2003, also. The Announcement provides guidelines and requirements for agencies/business enterprises that use agents for importing and exporting commodities.

Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Rules, Regulations, and Reports

TRQ Administration Interim Rules and Regulations - CH2007

Translated Version: 30 January 2002

The report is an UNOFFICIAL translation of China's Interim Rules and Regulations for Agricultural Imports Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Administration as authored by the State Development and Planning Commission (SDPC). This document also contains four appendices. The first appendix lists the authorizing agencies approved by the SDPC. The second and third appendix are Certificate A and B (application forms for two categories of trade). The final appendix is the Notice on Tariff Quota Allocation for Agricultural Products. These Rules and Regulations are effective from 5 February 2002.

TRQ Allocation Implementation Measures for 2002 - CH2008

Translated Version: 7 February 2002

The report is an UNOFFICIAL translation of China's Implementation Measures for Tariff Rate Quota. This document describes the amount, application requirements, and allocation principles for wheat, corn, rice, palm oil, soybean oil, rapeseed oil, sugar, cotton, sheep wool and wool tops agricultural products for 2002. This measure was formulated in accordance with the Interim Rules and Regulations for Agricultural Products (CH2007). The appendix to this document describes the information that is requested for on the Application Form for A Type TRQ Agricultural Commodity Imports. These measures were announced on 7 February 2002 and effective from 10 February 2002.

TRQ Re-Allocation Notice - CH2041

Translated Version: 9 August 2002

The report is an UNOFFICIAL translation of China's State Development and Planning Committee (SDPC) Notice on Import Tariff Rate Quotas for Major Agricultural Products (wheat, corn, rice, soy oil, rapeseed oil, palm oil, sugar and cotton). The Notice was issued on August 9 by SDPC and provides information on how unused TRQ's should be returned by state and non-state importers and how new quotas will be allocated for the remainder of the calendar year.

TRQ Implementation Measures for 2003 Ag Products - CH2050

Translated Version: 15 October 2002

Mandated by China's WTO accession, the TRQ's permit imports of specified commodities at negligible duties, and also require that a certain percentage of the allocation be reserved for non-State Owned Enterprises (SOE's). Both quantity and non-SOE share are fixed in the accession agreement document. Other than readjustment of the quantities in line with the Accession Agreement, the biggest change is the addition of a separate application form for quota for re-export.

Transgenic Agricultural Product Rules, Regulations, and Measures

Ag. GMO Safety Administration Regulation - CH1056

Translated version: June 6, 2001

The scope of this regulation, by the State Council, specifies the management, production, distribution, and use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in agriculture. The regulation requires Safety Certification and labeling for all types of domestic or imported GMOs. Text in the regulation is vague and does not provide direction for several procedural measures. The implementation measures are in CH2002. The Agriculture Administrative Department of the State Council has statutory authority over this regulation. This department is comprised from representatives from several of China's ministries.

Ag. GMO Implementation Measures - CH2002

Translated version: January 7, 2002

This document from the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) contains three (3) measures: 1. Measures for Ag GMOs Safety Evaluation Administration. 2. Measures for Ag GMOs Imports. 3. Measures for Ag GMO Labeling. GMO measures will be implemented mainly by the Ministry of Agriculture. All measures will be effective from March 20, 2002.

Ag. GMO Circular 190: Management Procedures on Interim Measures for Imported Ag GMO Products - CH2051

Translated version: March 11, 2002

MOA issued this circular that permits overseas companies to apply for a GMO Import Safety Certificate from the MOA Ag GMO Safety Administration Office. The Circular adopted interim measures to allow normal trade to continue during the 270 days while the application were reviewed. These interim measures were set to expire on December 20, 2002. The Circular has been replaced by Circular 222 (CH2052).

Ag. GMO Circular 222: Management Procedures on Interim Measures for Imported Ag GMO Products (Revised) - CH2052

Translated version: October 11, 2002

MOA issued Circular 222 to continue the interim measures until September 30, 2003. The report also provides a copy of the "Application Form for Interim Certificate to Import Ag GMO Product."

Interim GMO Regs Extended - CH3113

Translated version: July 16, 2003

Through a letter to the USDA Ag. Affairs Office, MOA extended the effectiveness of Ag. GMO Circular 222 until April 20, 2004.

Health Foods, "Green" and "Wholesome" Product Regulations and Standards

Administration Regulation for Health Food - CH1050

Translated version: June 1, 1996.

This MOH regulation provides the administration regulations for the examination and approval, production, marketing, and supervision of the health (functional) food industry. Several articles address specific approvals and requirements for imported health (functional) foods. MOH has the statutory authority responsible for monitoring this regulation.

Health Food Standard - CH1049

Translated version: February 28, 1997

This MOH Health Food National Standard (GB16740-1997) provides guidelines for the manufacturing, labeling, and hygiene of the health (functional) food industry in China. The Standard provides some specific

requirements for imported health (functional) foods for the Chinese domestic market. The State Council delegated MOH statutory authority for this regulation.

"Wholesome" Food Administration Regulation - CH2032

Translated version: April 29, 2002

MOA and AQSIQ jointly announced 2002 Decree No. 12 that applies to the domestic production of "Wholesome Agricultural Products." The measures provide guidelines in determining production management, certification and testing of products and production areas, "wholesome" product labeling, and monitoring management or enforcement of these administrative measures. These voluntary measures differ from "Organic" and "Green Food" (see CH 1072 and CH1059) standards. "Green Food" and "Organic" standards are considered more stringent labels than "Wholesome." The purpose for all three measures and standards is to regulate or reduce agro-chemical inputs, such as pesticides and fertilizers.

"Green Food" Standard - CH1059

Translated version: October 1997

"Green Food," a term similar but different in meaning to "Organic Food," is under the scope of this standard. The Standards are published in a handbook that provides for the appropriate classification, use, and requirements for food products to be labeled "Green Food" and sold on the domestic market. The Standard specifies the environment, fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals and the respective dosages that can be used on foods and carry the green food label. MOA has statutory authority for this Standard.

VI. Commodity Specific Regulations or Standards

Cotton, Oilseeds, Tobacco, and Planting Seeds

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Edible Hydrogenated Oil - CH3099

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB17402, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Edible Soybean Meal - CH3098

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB14932.1, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

Seed Law - CH0031

Translated version: July 8, 2000

The Seed Law includes chapters on protection of germplasm, examination of varieties, seed production and management, seed quality, the import and export of seeds and foreign cooperation on seeds.

Seed Law Implementation Regulations - CH1052

Translated version: February 13, 2001

The Implementation Regulations include five decrees from the Ministry of Agriculture (Decree 44: Measures for the Examination and Approval of Major Crop Varieties, Decree 48: Measures for the Administration of Crop Seed Production License and Management License, Decree 49: Measures for the Labeling of Crop Seeds, Decree 50: Measures for the Processing and Packaging of Seeds, and Decree 51: Measures for the Scope of Major Crops). The Ministry of Agriculture has statutory authority over the Seed Law.

Dairy, Livestock, and Poultry

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Cheese - CH3066

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Cream and Butter - CH3115

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Evaporated and Sweetened Condensed Milk - CH3063

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Lactobacillus Beverages - CH3064

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB16321, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Milk Powders - CH3060

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Milk Beverages - CH3067

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB11673, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Pasteurized and Sterilized Milk - CH3062

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Whey Powder - CH3065

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB11674, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Residue Levels of Aflatoxin M1 in Milk and Milk Products - CH3023

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB9676, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Egg Products - CH3097

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2749, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Canned Meat Products - CH3095

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB13100, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Cooked Meat Products - CH3082

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2726, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Cooked and Dried Meat Products - CH3078

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2729, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Cured Meat Products - CH3083

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2730, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Edible Animal Fats - CH3096

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB10146, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Fresh and Frozen Meat of Livestock - CH3086

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2707, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

Fresh and Frozen Beef Cuts Standard - CH2020

Translated version: March 2, 1998

This Standard (GB/T17238-1998) defines terminology for the classification of fresh and frozen beef cuts. In addition, the standard provides the technical requirements, processing requirements, inspection methodology, inspection rules, grading requirements for beef cuts, and the labeling, packaging, storage and distribution requirements for fresh and frozen beef cuts.

Fresh and Frozen Pork Muscle Cuts Standard - CH2018

Translated version: July 20, 2001

This standard (GB9959.2-2001) defines terminology for fresh and frozen pork cuts and stipulates the technical requirements for inspection methodology, inspection rules, labeling, packaging, storage and distribution.

Fresh and Frozen Demi-Carcass Pork Standard - CH2019

Translated version: July 20, 2001

This standard (GB9959.1-2001) defines terminology for fresh and frozen demi-carcass pork and stipulates the technical requirements for grading pork and inspection methodology, inspection rules, labeling, packaging, storage and distribution.

Fresh and Frozen Poultry Product Standard - CH3052

Translated version: April 1, 2002

This National Standard (GB16869-2002) details the technical requirements for testing, hygiene, labeling, packaging, and storage requirements for fresh and frozen poultry products. The Ministry of Health, which has statutory responsibility for this Standard, published the Standard on April 1, 2002 for implementation from September 30, 2002 through the Standardization Administration of the People's Republic of China. (This GAIN report replaces CH1060 which was an UNOFFICIAL translation of the previous Standard from December 29, 2000).

Administrative Measures for Import and Export for Meat Product Inspection and Quarantine - CH2043

Translated version: September 3, 2002

These Measures were issued on September 3, 2002 by AQSIQ. The regulations are effective from October 1, 2002. The Measures regulate the inspection and quarantine of animal products for human consumption. The Measures also contain an Appendix governing the quarantine and Inspection of cold storage facilities.

Regulation on Animal Origin Feed Products - CH3093

Translated version: March 1, 2001

AQSIQ and the Ministry of Agriculture issued Joint Announcement Number 143 on March 1, 2001. This Announcement regulates the importation of animal and animal products from BSE affected countries.

Regulation on Animal Origin Feed Products - CH2035

Translated version: March 1, 2001

AQSIQ and the Ministry of Agriculture issued Joint Announcement Nynber 144 on March 1, 2001. This announcement prohibits imports of animal origin feed products from countries or areas known to have BSE or Scrapie. In addition, this announcement requires certain language to be attached to the exporting country sanitary certificate.

Fisheries and Forestry Products

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Flavoring from Aquatic Products - CH3045

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB10133, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Minced Aquatic Products - CH3046

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB10132, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Canned Fish - CH3044

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB14939, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Dried Aquatic Products of Animal Origin - CH3048

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB10144, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Fresh and Frozen Seafood Products of Animal Origin - CH3047

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2733, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Salted Fish - CH3049

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB10138, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Polychlorobiphenyls in Seafood - CH3040

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB9674, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

Fisheries Law - CH1053

Translated version: October 31, 2000

The scope of this Law includes improving the management of China's fishery resources, development of the aquaculture and fishing industry, and enforcement measures over China's fishing and aquaculture resources. Several articles address import and export of fry, fingerling, and the inspection of imported fishing vessels. The Administrative Department for Fisheries under the State Council has statutory authority over this law.

Admin. Measures for Import and Export Aquatic Products Inspection and Quarantine - CH2061

Translated version: November 6, 2002

AQSIQ issued (2002) Announcement 31 on November 6, 2002 for implementation from December 2002

(REVISED BY: CH3007, below). The Measures regulate the inspection and quarantine of aquatic products for import and export (including for import and re-export). The Measures also contain 3 appendices that relevant to storage facilities for imported aquatic products, inspection certificates of imported aquatic products, and the packaging of imported aquatic products.

Notice on Imported Aquatic Product Quarantine Certificate - CH3007

Translated version: December 23, 2002

AQSIQ (2002) Notice No. 888 delays implementation of AQSIQ (2002) Announcement 31 (CH2061) until June 30, 2003. This report also includes an UNOFFICIAL translation of the certificate that is supposed to accompany all aquatic product imports by June 30, 2003.

Forestry Law - CH1054

Translated version: April 29, 1998

The Law governs the use of land and materials in forest areas for shelter forests, timber forests, economic forests, firewood forests, and forests for special use. The Law also provides for forest management and administration, forest protection, tree planting and afforestation, and measures for sanctions. The State Forestry Administration under the State Council has statutory authority over this law.

Quarantine Requirements for Logs - CH1062

Translated version: February 6, 2001

The circular announces requirements for pest-free phytosanitary certification and treatment on all log imports with or without bark. The State Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) has statutory authority over the import and export of logs.

Grain and Feed

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Corn Sweetener - CH3114

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB15203, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Starch Products - CH3101

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2713, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Deoxynivalenol in Wheat and Corn - CH3032

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB16369, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

Administrative Measures for Exit-Entry Inspection and Quarantine of Grain and Feed Stuff - CH2003

Translated version: November 21, 2001

This Regulation is Ordinance Number Seven (7), the *Grain and Feed Import and Export Regulations*, issued by the State Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China

(AQSIQ). AQSIQ is the national-level supervisory authority for the China Inspection and Quarantine (CIQ) offices. AQSIQ ratified these regulations on November 21, 2001. This Ordinance shall be effective from March 1, 2002.

Imported Feed and Feed Additive Registration Regulation - CH1057

Translated version: August 17, 2000

This regulation is designed to protect animal safety and strengthen supervision of imported feed and feed additives. Foreign feed and feed additive enterprises and products must be registered prior to selling products in the People's Republic of China. This regulation details the application procedure for registration. The Ministry of Agriculture has statutory authority over this regulation.

Horticultural and Tropical Products (including value-added food and agricultural products)

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Distilled Spirits - CH3053

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2757, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

Hygienic Standard for Edible Alcohols - CH3059

Translated version: February 13, 2003

The Standard, GB10343-2002, was published in the China Food Newspaper after being approved by China's Ministry of Health.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Fermented Alcoholic Beverages - CH3054

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2758, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Bottled Potable Water - CH3071

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Bottled Purified Potable Water - CH3072

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB17324, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Carbonated Drinks - CH3055

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2759.2, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Cocoa Powder Based Solid Drinks - CH3081

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Frozen Drinks - CH3069

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2759.1, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Solid Beverages - CH3068

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB7101, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Vegetable Protein Beverages - CH3073

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB16322, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Biscuits/Cookies - CH3105

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB7100, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Breakfast Cereal - CH3107

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Candy - CH3076

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB9678.1, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Chewing Gum - CH3079

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB17399, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Chocolate - CH3080

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB9678.2, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Jellies - CH3085

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Pastry and Bread - CH3104

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB7099, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Puffed Foods - CH3103

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB17401, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Quick-Frozen and Pre-packaged Food made from Wheat or Rice Flour -

CH3100

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Soy Sauce - CH3102

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2717, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Dried Fruit - CH3084

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB16325, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Preserved Fruit - CH3088

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB14884, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Honey - CH3106

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB14963, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Canned Fruits and Vegetables - CH3077

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB11671, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Concentrated Fruit and Vegetable Juice for the Food Industry - CH3075

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB17325, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Fruit and Vegetable Juice - CH3074

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Patulin in Apple and Hawthorn Products - CH3039

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB14974, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Marine Algae and Algae Products - CH3051

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Salt and Liquor Saturated Aquatic Products of Animal Origin - CH3050

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB10136, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Nuts - CH3087

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB16326, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Roasted Nuts - CH3090

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GBXXXX, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Canned Edible Fungi - CH3108

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB7098, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Preserved Vegetables - CH3089

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2714, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Hygienic Standard for Foods for Frying - CH3116

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB16565, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Aflatoxin B1 in Foods - CH3022

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2761, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Aluminum in Flour Made Foods - CH3025

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB15202, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Arsenic in Foods - CH3026

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB4810, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Benzo(a)pyrene in Foods - CH3028

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB7104, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Cadmium in Foods - CH3029

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB15201, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Chromium in Foods - CH3030

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB14961, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Chromium in Foods - CH3031

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB14961, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Flourine in Foods - CH3033

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB4809, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Iron in Foods - CH3034

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB15200, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Mercury in Foods - CH3035

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB2762, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of N-Nitrosamines in Foods - CH3036

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB9677, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Nitrite in Foods - CH3037

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB15198, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Rare Earth in Vegetable Foods - CH3041

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB13107, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Selenium in Foods - CH3042

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB13105, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

DRAFTED Maximum Levels of Zinc in Foods - CH3043

Translated version: August 2002

The DRAFTED Standard, GB13106, was published by China's Ministry of Health in order to solicit comments.

Fruit Entry Quarantine Regulation - CH1058

Translated version: December 9, 1999

This Regulation applies to imported fresh fruits and tomatoes, eggplants, and the genus Capsicum and relevant packaging. The Regulation details the quarantine application, quarantine inspection, and quarantine supervision procedures for importers of the above mentioned items. The State Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine (CIQ) has now merged with the State Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ). Provincial level offices or port CIQ's have not completed this merger. AQSIQ and the port CIQ have statutory responsibility for this regulation.

Soft Drink Classification Standard - CH1061

Translated version: December 17, 1996

This standard establishes classifications for the following beverage drinks that are produced or marketed in China: carbonated drinks, fruit juices (pulp) and drinks, vegetable juice and drinks, drinks containing milk, vegetable protein drinks, bottled water, tea drinks, powdered drinks, specific drinks, and other drinks. The standard conforms to CODEX requirements. The State Bureau of Technical Supervision for the People's Republic of China has regulatory authority over this standard.

VII. Copyright and/or Trademark Laws

Copyrights, Trademarks, and Patents - CH2049

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The document provides Internet site addresses to view UNOFFICIAL translations of the Copyright Law, Copyright Law Implementation Regulations, Trademark Law, Trademark Law Enforcement Measures, Patent Law, and Patent Law Administrative Enforcement Measures.

VIII. Import Procedures

FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCT IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

Exporters of U.S. food and agricultural products may contact the offices listed under section one of this report or the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agriculture Service Home Office Directory of Cooperators (www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/mos/HomeOffResults.asp?Div=ALL) for additional clarification or assistance.

Annual Exporter Guide - CH3609

ATO Guangzhou: June 25, 2003

This report provides an overview of the China market along with analysis on the potential in south China for U.S. food and agricultural products. There is helpful information and suggestions on how to do business in China along with information on the retail, hotel, restaurant, institutional, and food processing sectors.

Annual Exporter Guide - CH2830

ATO Shanghai: November 8, 2002

This report provides an overview of the China market along with exporter business tips, analysis of market sector structure and trends, information on best high-value product prospects, contact information for importer assistance, and statistics on agricultural trade.