

General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC)

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“Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food” (Decree No. 248 of GACC, hereinafter referred to as “Registration Regulations”) and “Measures of the People's Republic of China for the Administration of Import and Export Food Safety” (Decree No. 249 of GACC, hereinafter referred to as the “Administrative Measures”) were promulgated on April 12, 2021, and will come into force as of January 1, 2022. The relevant matters are now announced as follows:

I. Regarding overseas manufacturer registration application and enterprise information inquiry

(1) Registration system login and overseas manufacturer information inquiry.

The System of China Import Food Enterprises Registration (hereinafter referred to as the “Registration System”) can be visited via <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn/>, or via the China International Trade Single Window (<https://www.singlewindow.cn/>) Web Portal — China Import Food Enterprise Registration.

The registered overseas manufacturers of imported food can inquire their Chinese registration number, validity period and other information on the official website of the GACC or the registration system.

(2) Overseas manufacturer registration application.

Unless relevant overseas competent authority and the GACC have separate agreements on registration method and application materials, overseas manufacturers of 18 categories of imported foods listed in Article 7 of the “Registration Regulations” shall be assigned with accounts to the registration system by the competent authority of the country (region), and submit the application through the registration system according to the procedure. System accounts for overseas competent authorities are allocated by the GACC. The overseas manufacturers of imported foods other than 18 categories listed in Article 7 of the “Registration Regulations” shall apply for their accounts to the registration system by themselves and submit the application according to the procedures of registration system.

II. Regarding inquiry about product category and commodity code involved in the registration of overseas manufacturers

The product category and corresponding commodity code (HS code), inspection and quarantine name (inspection and quarantine code) involved in the registration of overseas manufacturers of imported food can be inquired by logging in to the registration system through Home Menu — Product Type Query.

III. Regarding service guide to the registration of overseas manufacturers

Service guide and related appendices for registration of overseas manufacturers of imported food can be found in GACC Website “Internet + Customs” Service Guide column — Administrative Examination and Approval — Registration of Overseas Manufacturer of Imported Food — “Service Guide to the Registration of Overseas Manufacturer of Imported Food”.

IV. Regarding import declaration for overseas manufacturer of imported food

For foods exported to China start shipping from January 1, 2022, the Chinese registration number of such manufacturer shall, upon import declaration, be normatively filled in the column of certificate of “Registration

of Overseas Manufacturer of Imported Food” (License Category Code 519) under “Product Qualification” in the customs declaration form. For imported foods declared in customs that implements the 2020 version of declaration items, it is required to select “Overseas Manufacturer of Imported Food” in the column “Other Enterprise Category” under “Other Enterprise”, and fill in the Chinese registration number of such manufacturer in the column “Code or Enterprise Name”. The customs will not accept the declaration if the declaration is not completed in accordance with the requirements.

V. Regarding registration number marking and package labeling

The foods exported to China which are produced on and after January 1, 2022, shall mark the Chinese registration number or the registration number approved by the competent authority of the country (region) on the inner and outer packaging of such foods.

The requirements for packagings, labels, and marks specified in the “Administrative Measures” apply to foods exported to China which are produced on and after January 1, 2022; The requirements for packagings, labels, and marks of foods exported to China which are produced before January 1, 2022 shall be subject to the original provisions.

VI. Regarding validity period of registration

For registered overseas manufacturers of imported food, their registration qualifications continue to be valid. Registered manufacturers shall, within six to three months before the registration expires, apply for renewal of registration in accordance with the relevant requirements of Article 20 of the “Registration Regulations”. For manufacturers that fail to apply for renewal of registration following regulations, their registration will be revoked by the GACC.

VII. Regarding charges

The GACC does not charge any fees for the registration of overseas manufacturers of imported food.

It is hereby notified the above.

The General Administration of Customs

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