



F14/17: China: Food Certification Requirements

Food Products

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1 China's proposed certification requirements for a wider range of imported foods

- (1) China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) has proposed that from 1 October 2017, all food imported into China must be accompanied by an official certificate with assurances relating to food safety.
- (2) MPI has been engaging with AQSIQ on the implementation and is considering regulatory options and policy implications of China's proposed certification requirements.

2 Certain animal and plant food products are excluded

- (1) MPI understands that China's proposed certification requirements for all imported foods will not affect products exported to China with an existing agreed certificate, though modifications may be required for some existing certificates.
- (2) MPI understands that animal-based food for human consumption currently exported to China under the Animal Products Act 1999 with MPI certificates prescribed by Overseas Market Access Requirements, and some plant-based food for human consumption currently exported to China under the MPI Export Assurance System may not be affected.
- (3) China has yet to confirm the exact scope of the proposed new certification requirement.

3 Affected foods

- (1) Processed food, wine, and dietary supplements exported to China are covered by AQSIQ's original proposal. However, China has yet to confirm the exact scope of the proposed new certification requirement.

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