



# F52/21: Guidance on Self-Registration for Manufacturers of Food Exported to China

## Plant Products and Processed Food (including some containing Animal Products)

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For Your Information

### 1 Background

- (1) The scope of this FYI is mainly plant products and processed food but may also cover products containing animal products which do not come under the scope of the China Overseas Market Access Requirements (China OMAR).
- (2) This FYI should be read in conjunction with [F51/21 China: Registration of Food Manufacturing Premises](#).
- (3) In April 2021, China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) published the [Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Imported Food Overseas Production Enterprises](#) (Decree 248). The regulation comes into effect on 1 January 2022.
- (4) GACC published an [English translation](#) of the regulation (for reference) in November 2021.

### 2 Self-registration

- (1) Article 9 of Decree 248 covers the requirement for operators of manufacturing premises for food products that are exported to China to apply for registration directly with GACC (self-register) in accordance with relevant requirements of Decree 248. This only applies where the food comes under the scope of Decree 248 and where the food is not under one of the 18 products categories that need to be registered via MPI (refer to in Article 7 of Decree 248).
- (2) GACC advised MPI that manufacturers will be able to self-register from 1 November 2021 by visiting the "Registration Management App for Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food Products" system which will be available through China's single window of international trade (<http://www.singlewindow.cn>). This website provides access through to a China Importer Food Enterprise Registration (CIFER) GACC website.
- (3) Self-registration with GACC is a commercial activity. However MPI has published this FYI to facilitate this process due to the short timelines involved. The information in this FYI and related guidance document has been prepared based on exploration of the GACC website, discussions with industry members who have successfully self-registered, and MPI's previous experiences with GACC registration processes. GACC has not provided MPI with any direct guidance on self-registration. MPI encourages exporters and operators of manufacturing premises to seek further advice on GACC self-registration from their importer or agent in China.

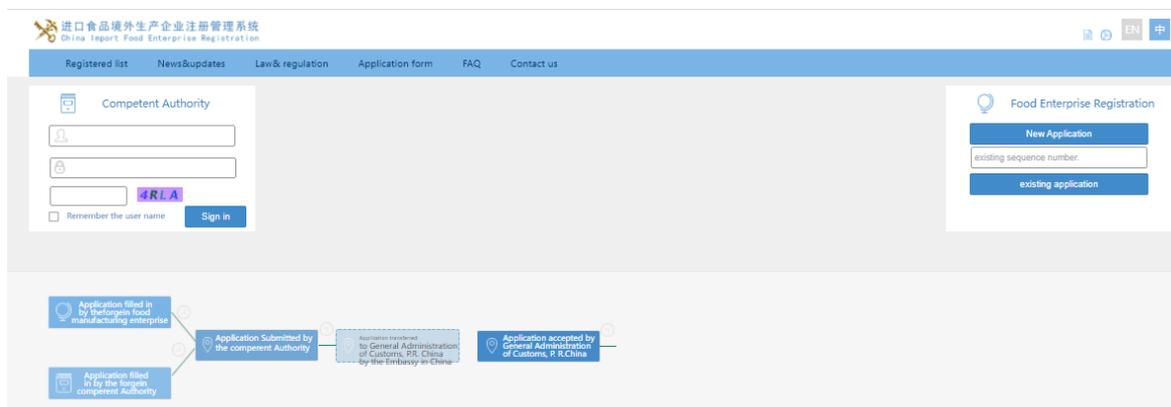
- (4) Currently the GACC website ('Registration Management App for Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food Products') appears to be only available in Chinese. It is not known if or when there will be an English version available. The use of web browser translation functions can sometimes be limited, and so assistance from someone who can read Chinese may make the self-registration process more effective or quicker.

### 3 Guidelines for self-registration

- (1) MPI has prepared a document '[Guidance for operators to support self-registration with GACC](#)'. Operators should note that this guidance document does not include every single step in the self-registration process and that MPI bears no responsibility for any errors or misinterpretation within it.
- (2) If, during the self-registration process, you find out any information that conflicts or is extra to the guidance document in (1), please advise the [MPI Market Access China Country Listings](#) team so we can improve the guidance document.
- (3) Exporters and operators could also refer to the following guidance that has been published by the United States Department of Agriculture Global Agricultural Information Network (USDA GAIN):
- [GAIN Report - Decree 248 Foreign Facilities Self-Registration Website](#)
  - [GAIN Report - Decree 248 Unofficial Self-Registration Guide for Overseas Food Facilities](#)
  - [GAIN Report - GACC Issues Interpretation of Decree 248](#)

### 4 Other considerations

- (1) MPI is aware that there is another GACC website entitled China Importer Food Enterprise Registration (CIFER) – see screenshot of the login screen below. MPI does not know how this other website is connected to the GACC website ('Registration Management App for Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food Products') that is accessed from China's single window of international trade (refer to 2 (2) of this FYI), which is also referred to as CIFER.



- (2) There is no guarantee that GACC is accepting self-registration applications related to Article 9 of Decree 248 that have been lodged via this other CIFER website (shown above).
- (3) MPI is aware of websites purporting to provide registration of overseas food manufacturers producing for export to China. MPI urges operators to exercise caution in providing any information to these websites. MPI notes that the GACC self-registration process is not associated with a fee. Any website seeking a fee for registration is unlikely to be an official GACC website.

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