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FACT SHEET

Overview of China's New Self-Registration and Labelling Requirements for Imported Food Products

The People's Republic of China's new requirements for imported food products (decrees 248 and 249) take effect from 1 January 2022 and include registration and labelling requirements for a broad range of food products, including wine.

For wine and wine products, these changes mean that from 1 January 2022, a 'production facility' must be registered with the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) in relation to every product before the product will be cleared for import into China. It is recommended that either the facility at which packaging/bottling occurred (for packaged/bottled product) or the place from which product was transferred to the bulk tank/vessel in which it is to be exported (for bulk product) be registered. In the case of contract processing, bottling or packaging, exporters should decide which facility best describes the 'production facility', hence choosing whether to identify the contract facility, or one of their own sites. It is not incumbent upon a contract bottler or processor to register their facility, but rather, the exporter must decide which site best identifies the 'production facility'.

Wine and wine products packaged/bottled or loaded into bulk tanks/vessels in preparation for export after 1 January 2022 will be required to bear the registration number issued by GACC. Bottled/packaged product will be required to include the registration number on both the individual bottles and the outer carton, and bulk/tanks vessel in which product is exported must also bear the registration number.

The registration number must appear on Chinese customs declaration documentation relating to wine and wine product that leaves Australia after 1 January 2022, regardless of when the product was bottled or loaded in bulk tanks/vessels.

Theoretically, there should not be any immediate change to the import procedure for Australian wine on 1 January. Changes should only occur once product exported from Australia after 1 January reaches China (requirement that customs import documentation bears registration number), and once product bottled/packaged or loaded for bulk transport after 1 January 2022 reaches China.

Wine production and storage facilities handling wine exported to China are encouraged to self-register through China's Single Window website (English version here) as soon as possible to avoid export delays or trade disruptions in 2022 – when China's newly imposed registration and labelling requirements take effect.



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Fast facts

- Customs clearance documentation for product shipped from 1 January 2022 will be required to include the GACC registration number and exporters are encouraged to liaise with their importer to ensure this occurs.
- China has released a translation of decree 248, which is available [here](#).
- From 1 January 2022, 'wine production' facilities will need to have completed the self-registration through the [Single Window website](#) (English version [here](#)), as a precursor to goods being cleared for import to China. Each brand requires its own registration.
- The self-registration process requires the identification of a 'production facility' and a 'registration number' identifying the wine production or storage facility at which the last step of production occurs. For bottled product, it is recommended that the bottling site be identified, and for bulk product, the place in which it was loaded for delivery to the port of loading.
- In the case of contract processing, bottling or packaging, exporters should decide which facility best describes the 'production facility', hence choosing whether to identify the contract facility, or one of their own sites. It is not incumbent upon a contract bottler or processor to register their facility, but rather, the exporter must decide which site best identifies the production facility.
- Our understanding is that an ABN, ACN that best identifies the 'production facility' should be provided as the 'registration number'.
- From 1 January 2022, all products must include relevant labelling containing the GACC issued registration number, or competent authority issued registration number, as a condition of import into China. The new labelling requirements apply to products 'packaged' on or after 1 January 2022.
- Currently, there is no specific requirement for the location where the registration number should be marked on the inner and outer packaging. The format of the registration number marked on the packaging is also not specified, but it is recommended to indicate it as “境外生产企业注册编号: XXXXXXXX” (Overseas manufacturer registration number: XXXXXXXX).
- The China registration number is 18 digits long, starting with the letter 'C'. For Australian exporters, the 2nd to 4th characters are 'AUS', and the 5th to 8th digits refer to the product code. The 9th to 14th digits are the registration approval date, used to establish registration validity for five years. The last four digits are serial numbers or sequence of the establishment's applications.



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- The Single Window is owned and administered by GACC and DFAT does not have oversight of the information submitted. DFAT's guidance is current to the version of the Single Window System available as at 29 November 2021 and may change if China provides further information or the Single Window is modified. An English CIQA step-by-step guide to the Single Window System is available at the bottom of this [website](#).
- DFAT is seeking implementation guidance from China and is working on processes for implementation. Updated advice will be provided as soon as possible. For enquiries, email exportstandards@awe.gov.au

Resources

- General information from DAWE: <https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/food-to-china>
- Industry guidance: <https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/controlled-goods/non-prescribed-goods/market-access-advice-notices/2021>
- Webinar: “Mandatory GACC registration for all F&B exporters from Jan, 2022 a step-by-step process during the webinar”, currently accessible [here](#) by EU SME Centre, Acestra Consulting & Litao.
- GACC's official user manual in both Chinese and English [here](#)
- All you need to know about GACC Single Window Registration for F&B Manufacturers” by EU SME Centre click [here](#)
- A Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) report providing some guidance information is accessible here and a communication from ChemLinked is available [here](#)