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Export Feed and Feed Additives into China

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Feed and feed additive export into China involves two Chinese government authorities, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA, www.moa.gov.cn) and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ, www.aqsia.gov.cn) of China.

MOA is the competent registration authority of feed and feed additive products. For the purpose of strengthening the supervision of feed and feed additive imports and ensuring the quality and safety of animal products, MOA has published Decree No. 2 “Regulation on Feed and Feed Additive Import Regulation” in January 2014, which is enforced since 1. July 2014:

- The term *Feed* in this regulation designates a product made with industrialized processed ingredients for animals, including single feed, premixed feed, concentrate, compound and supplementary feed.
- The term *Feed additive* in this regulation designates a substance added to feed during the processing, formulation and use in a small or minimum volume, including nutritional feed additives and common feed additives.

Overseas enterprises shall file an application for import registration with the Ministry of Agriculture and obtain an import registration license for feed and feed additives before exporting to China for the first time. Overseas enterprises shall file an application to register feed and feed additives imports through a China-based agent. Without an import registration license, the imported feed and feed additives shall not be sold and used in China. The feed and feed additive import registration license remains valid for 5 years. A renewal application should be filed six months before the registration license expires. The detailed application and renewing procedure of import license is stipulated in the MOA 2014 Decree No. 2.

Furthermore, MOA has published the announcement No. 2153 in September 2014 aiming to strengthen the supervision of the local agent. The local agent is required to complete the online-

registration on the MOA website: <http://xzsp.moa.gov.cn>. Starting from 1. October 2014, MOA only accepts applications for product registration from registered local agents.

In addition, MOA has published the MOA Feed Catalog and Feed Additive Catalog; the products listed therein are allowed to be exported to China:

- [MOA Feed Catalog](#) came into force on 1. January 2013
- [MOA Feed amendment list](#) came into force on 19. December 2013
- [MOA Feed Additive Catalog](#) came into force on 1. February 2014

AQSIQ is the competent authority for the quality supervision, inspection and quarantine of imported feed and feed additives. According to the AQSIQ 2009 Decree No. 118 “Administrative Measures of Inspection, Quarantine and Supervision on Import and Export Feed and Feed Additives”, Swiss feed and feed additive companies need to be registered with AQSIQ. The official application has to be sent to AQSIQ through FSVO (FSVO: Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, www.blv.admin.ch); thereafter, a risk analysis for each factory will usually be performed and supervised by CNCA’s inspectors. (CNCA: Certification and Accreditation Administration of P.R. China, www.cnca.gov.cn)

The basic steps to get registered at AQSIQ are the following:

- 1) Make an application to AQSIQ for the product of interest
- 2) AQSIQ will issue a questionnaire
- 3) Undergo risk analysis, including a field visit, and sign a protocol
- 4) Registration of exporters by AQSIQ
- 5) The products and foreign manufacturers will be included in AQSIQ permit list.

The latest permit list published by AQSIQ was updated on 11. Feb. 2015. (http://dzwjyigs.aqsiq.gov.cn/zwgk/slag/jjlsjtj/zrmd/201212/t20121225_335617.htm)

Regarding the registration at AQSIQ, FSVO --with the support of the Swiss Embassy-- is in charge of coordinating and liaising with the Chinese authorities. The usual procedure would be that FSVO will arrange an inspection tour where a number of Swiss companies to be inspected are grouped together. The CNCA team would then travel to Switzerland to carry out the inspection. The timing of the inspection needs to be confirmed.

The products and foreign manufacturers listed on the AQSIQ permit list are authorized for export to China.

Besides the registration at AQSIQ, the local AQSIQ organization which is called CIQ (Entry-Exit Inspection and Guarantee Bureau) implements filing procedure of the local importing companies. Prior to or upon the application for inspection of each import, the local importing companies shall present duplicates of their business license to CIQ.

In recent time, some Swiss feed and feed additive manufacturers appear to be unable to export to China although they could do so without problems in the past. This is due to stricter requirements regarding imported feed and feed additive being enforced by both MOA and AQSIQ. We suggest Swiss companies to check if they have followed all the registration requirements according to the latest announced regulations.

Regulations announced by MOA

- ✚ MOA 2014 Decree No. 2: "Regulation on Feed and Feed Additive Import Regulation"
http://www.moa.gov.cn/zwl/m/tzgg/bl/201401/t20140120_3743426.htm
([English translation for reference](#))
- ✚ MOA Announcement No. 1773: "Feed Catalog"
http://www.moa.gov.cn/zwl/m/zcfg/nybgz/201206/t20120614_2758749.htm (in Chinese)
- ✚ MOA Announcement No. 2038: "Feed Amendment List"
http://www.xmys.moa.gov.cn/fagui/201401/t20140103_3730177.htm (in Chinese)
- ✚ MOA Announcement No. 2045: "Feed Additive Catalog"
http://www.moa.gov.cn/zwl/m/tzgg/gg/201401/t20140103_3730193.htm (in Chinese)
- ✚ MOA Announcement No. 2153: "Registration of local agent for feed and feed additive import"
http://www.moa.gov.cn/zwl/m/tzgg/gg/201409/t20140919_4060846.htm (in Chinese)

Regulations announced by AQSIQ

- ✚ AQSIQ Decree No. 118: "Administrative Measures of Inspection, Quarantine and Supervision on Import and Export Feed and Feed Additives"
http://www.aqsiq.gov.cn/zwgk/jl/gg/zjl/2009/200908/t20090803_123490.htm (in Chinese)
([English translation for reference](#))
- ✚ AQSIQ Announcement No. 372: "Implementation Feed Quarantine Regulation 118"
http://dzwjygs.aqsiq.gov.cn/rdgz/200908/t20090828_125350.html (in Chinese)
([English Translation for reference](#))

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