

# **China Access Procedures for Inspection and Quarantine of the Agricultural Products**

*by General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China*

**I. General Administration of Customs shall exercise regulation on the access of beef and mutton, miscellaneous grains and miscellaneous beans (including coffee, cocoa), flower, nuts and so on.**

**Specific procedures are as following:**

1. The competent quarantine authority of the exporting country shall submit an official application in written form to General Administration of Customs (specifying the names, kinds and usages of the agricultural products to be exported);
2. General Administration of Customs will, according to the application, deliver a questionnaire concerning the import risk analysis to the exporting country for reply;
3. The exporting country completes the questionnaire and presents it to the General Administration of Customs;
4. After receiving the reply from the exporting country, General Administration of Customs will organize the relevant specialists to initiate import risk analysis. If necessary, General Administration of Customs will ask the exporting country for more information during the evaluation period;
5. Based on the assessment of the information provided by the exporting country, General Administration of Customs will decide whether it is necessary to send a specialist group to the exporting country to have on-the-spot inspection;
6. For on-the-spot inspection, the specialists will inspect the supervision system of the exporting country, check the inspection and quarantine requirements by the exporting country, and inspect the registered manufacturing enterprises and their certificates;
7. After finishing the import risk analysis, the General Administration of Customs will take account of whether or not to submit a draft of

quarantine protocol requirement for the product to be imported from the country to China, which will be discussed by both sides;

8. After reaching agreement on the protocol requirement, the trade of this product will be commenced according to the requirements specified in the protocol.

**Notes:**

1. Access procedure can only be initiated for beef and mutton when there is no such epidemic disease as foot-mouth-disease, mad cow disease and so on occurring in the exporting country;

2. Enterprises which intend to export meat products to China shall be registered in accordance with the *Regulations on Registration Administration of Overseas Manufacturing Enterprises of Imported Food*;

3. Plant seedlings such as flowers with roots and trees shall be planted separately in designated areas of Chinese ports of entry by special agencies designated by the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China.

**II. Import of red wine and red tea into China**

General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China does not excise regulation on the access of red wine and red tea into China. The above products can be exported to China if they conform to Chinese laws and regulations and access requirements.