

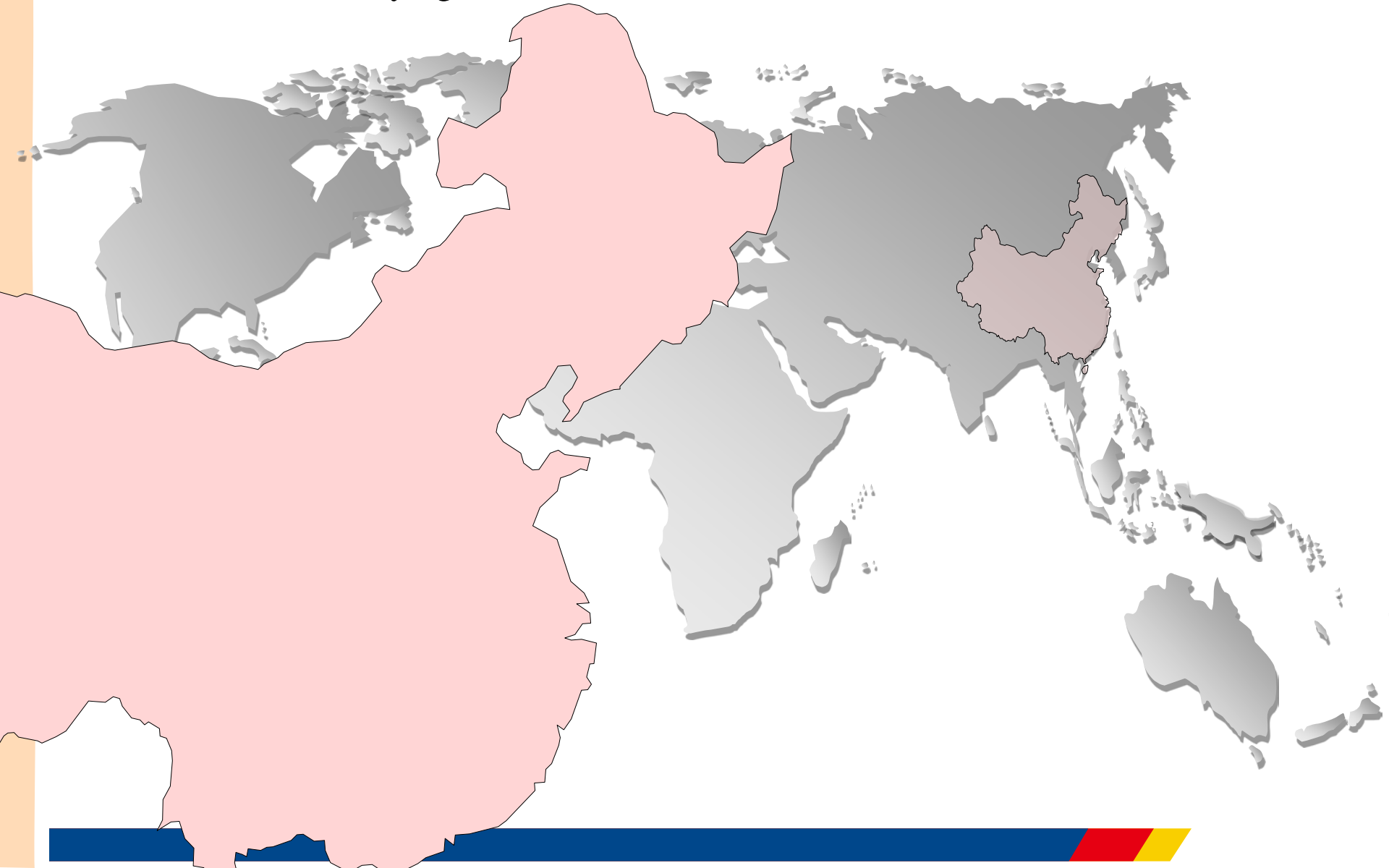


Trading Agrifood Products to China

Guidelines, Pointers and AQSIQ's Experience on "Perishable Goods"

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the world's largest agricultural economy and the leading producer and consumer of many agricultural commodities.





Chinese Resources on Regulations of Agrifood Product Import



China has strict documentation requirements for the majority of imported agricultural products regarding quality, quarantine, origin, and import control. Products may also need to meet other criteria such as packaging requirements, pre-clearance (if applicable), treatment options, labeling requirements, and container conditions.



MOA (*China's Ministry of Agriculture*) determines the standards and requirements for imported agricultural products. MOA issues the import permit which is the most important precondition for Chinese traders to start the importation procedure.



- ▶ <http://english.agri.gov.cn/>
- ▶ *Exporters should browse the site's general content and use the search engine to look for news and standards for the relevant products.*



AQSIQ (*The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China*) is a ministerial-level department under the State Council of the People's Republic of China. AQSIQ is in charge of national quality, entry-exit commodity inspection, entry-exit health quarantine, entry-exit animal and plant quarantine, import-export food safety, certification and accreditation, standardization, and administrative law enforcement.



- ▶ <http://english.aqsiq.gov.cn/LawsandRegulations/EntryExitAnimalandPlantQuarantine/>
- ▶ *click “Animal and plant quarantine and supervision (动植物检验检疫).” In this section, exporters can find quarantine regulations for animals and animal products, plants and plant products, feed and feed additive products, and GMO products.*
- ▶ <http://www.aqsiq.gov.cn/ywpd/>
- ▶ *click “Import and Export Food Safety Bureau (进出口食品安全局).” In this section, exporters will find registered importer lists for food products including processed food product, nuts, dairy and meat.*



AQSIQ's Experience on "Perishable Goods"



- **Perishable goods** (including fruits, vegetables, seedlings, flowering plant, etc.), as its rigorous storage condition and short shelf life, have strong demand for the customs clearance facilitation. AQSIQ has always been committing to promote trade facilitation, launching a series of reform measures to simplify and coordinate customs clearance formalities and actively providing convenient customs clearance.



The speed of customs clearance is the lifeline of perishable goods. The Chinese inspection and quarantine organizations currently take the measures of appointment before arrival, preference on quarantine and detection and fast clearance to ensure quarantine on arrival and the convenience of customs clearance.





(1) Setting up green channel

- For perishable goods, CIQ (*Local Bureau of Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine*) is currently implementing 7*24 hour inspection appointment system, priority to receive and permit release.





- application form for inspection
- quarantine permits of CIQ
- official phytosanitary certificate, issued by the exporting country
- certificate of origin
- contract/ invoice
- bill of lading
- authorization letter



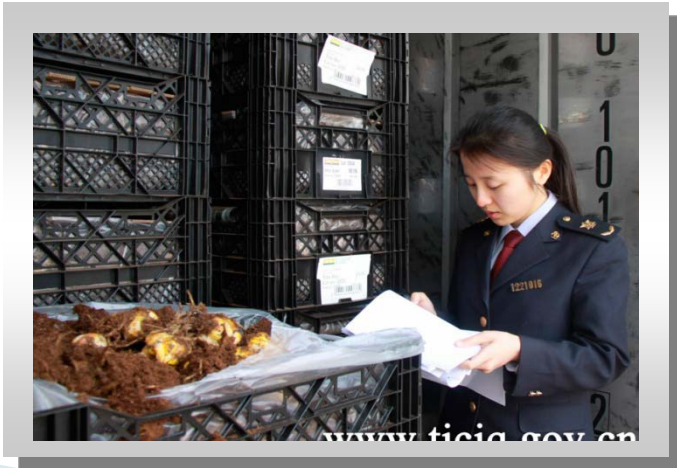
CIQ at the entry port accepts the declaration and issues customs clearance form before the implementation of inspection and quarantine.

Then, the enterprises conduct customs declaration formalities with customs clearance form. And inspection and quarantine will be carried out at the port on the arrival of the goods.



(2) Inspection and quarantine on arrival to facilitate the customs clearance

CIQ have established perishable goods declaration service window, designated a special person responsible for it, and realized inspection and quarantine on arrival to facilitate the customs clearance.





(3) Conducting centralized inspection

- The implementation of centralized inspection is an important means of CIQ, and an important support to establish a complete law enforcement supervision system of inspection and quarantine.





Port centralized inspection field and warehouse basically meet the inspection and quarantine requirements of imported fruits, vegetables and other perishable products. According to the centralized inspection work requirements of AQSIQ, the imported perishable products should be stored in refrigerated storages or other places specified by CIQ.





- CIQ conduct supervision and management on centralized inspection field and warehouse. The conduct of centralized inspection mode makes the inspection and quarantine work more standardization, specialization and intensification.



(4) The implementation of risk classified management

- AQSIQ conducts a safety monitoring system on the imported perishable product, formulates the key monitoring plan based on risk analysis and the actual situation of inspection and quarantine, determines the key surveillance countries or regions and their perishable product categories and inspection items.





(5) The establishment of credit file



- In order to improve the enterprise law-abiding consciousness, CIQ have established the credit record system on production enterprises, the consignee, and the consignor of the import perishable products.



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