

China Registration of Food Manufacturing Premises

(Decree 248)

New Zealand Food Safety

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What we'll cover today

- Background
- Part 1: The 'self-registration' process
- Part 2: The MPI-recommended registration process
- FAQs
- Q&A

NOTE: information current as of 6th April 2022, but may be subject to change. This presentation covers registration requirements per Decree 248 – other registration requirements may still apply.

An aerial photograph of a large container ship docked at a port. The ship is heavily loaded with colorful shipping containers. In the foreground, two red tugboats are assisting the ship. To the left, another container ship is docked at a pier with several green gantry cranes. The water is dark blue, and the sky is clear. A large orange rectangular box with the word 'Background' in white text is centered over the image.

Background

Key abbreviations

GACC

General Administration of China
Customs

CIFER

China Imported Food Enterprise
Registration (Online registration
platform)

Decree 248 means manufacturers have to register

- Came into effect 1 January 2022
- Overseas food producers must register with China Customs
- Registration labelling requirements



Who needs to register



- Manufacturers of most foods and beverages
- Human consumption only



- Exporters not involved in manufacturing/storing
- Food Additives and food-related products (e.g. food packaging)
- Ambient stores that do not process/pack/re-pack

Current MPI guidance

MPI step-by-step guidance [available here](#)

FYIs available on:

- [MPI China OMAR page](#) (under Processed Food)
- [Generic MPI FYI](#) page

F05/22 [China Registration of Food Manufacturing Premises](#)

F58/21 [China Registration of Food Manufacturing Premises](#)

F56/21 [China Registration of Food Manufacturing Premises](#)

New consolidated FYI: [F14/22 China Registration of Food Manufacturing Premises](#)

These guidance documents are not password protected

The screenshot shows the MPI website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'FOR INDIVIDUALS MĀ TE TAKITĀHI' and 'FOR BUSINESSES MĀ NGA PAKIHĪ'. Below these is a search bar with the text 'Search MPI'. The main content area shows the search results for 'China'. The results are organized into sections: 'ANIMAL PRODUCTS', 'PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS', 'CROSS-BORDER E-COMMERCE (CBEC)', and 'GB STANDARDS'. Each section has a plus sign icon and a brief description of the content. There is also an 'EXPAND ALL' button at the top right of the results area.

FOR INDIVIDUALS
MĀ TE TAKITĀHI

FOR BUSINESSES
MĀ NGA PAKIHĪ

Search MPI

Home / Export / Export requirements / Animal products, processed food, wine, and organics / Search OMARs by country/market: animal products, wine, and organics / [China](#)

China

Find market access requirement documents for exporting animal products, organic products, processed food products, and wine to China.

+ EXPAND ALL

ANIMAL PRODUCTS +
Expand to view the OMAR, OMAR notifications, and related documents.

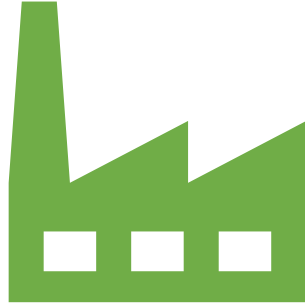
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Expand to view guidance documents.

CROSS-BORDER E-COMMERCE (CBEC) +
Expand to view documents for all e-commerce consignments.

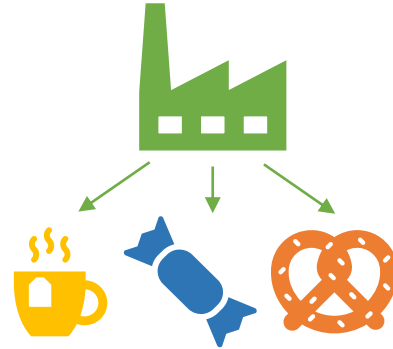
GB STANDARDS +
Expand to view some translated China Guo Biao (GB) national standards for food products.

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China Registration Number



One user account (login) per premises / MPI registration



One China registration per product category/sub-category

Ensure the right China Registration number is used for import declaration and label requirement

China Registration Number

Import declaration must now include China Registration number: **CNZLxxxxyymmddzzzz**

- CNZL is unique to New Zealand
- xxxx indicates product category
- yymmdd indicates date of registration
- zzzz is serial number

China Registration number can be found here (if registered):

<https://ciferquery.singlewindow.cn/>

Product Category
CATEGORY

Search by spacebar supports fuzzy qt ▾

Country (region)
COUNTRY(REGION)

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Registration number in China
CHINA REG. NO.

Please enter the registration number in C

Country (region) registration
number
OVERSEAS REG. NO.

Please enter your country (region) registr

 Inquire

 reset

All registrations have an expiry date

GACC registrations are valid for 5 years.

- Expiry date can be found in current GACC registration
- You can apply to renew the GACC registration from 3-6 months before the expiry date (directly or via MPI).

date of registration	registration validi...
REG. DATE	REG. EXPIRE DATE
2021-11-17	2026-11-17
2021-11-30	2026-11-30
2021-11-30	2026-11-30
2021-11-30	2026-11-30



Specific changes require new registration

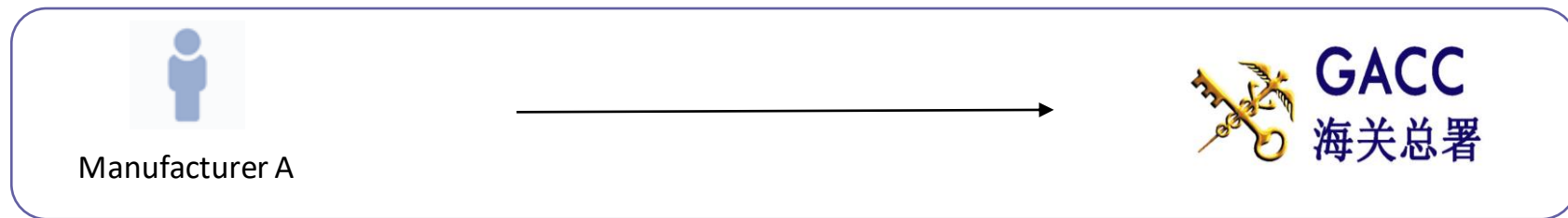
In the following circumstances, the Chinese Registration number will become invalid, and you will need to **re-apply** for GACC registration:

- Relocation of manufacturing premises
- Change of legal representative
- Change of MPI-approved Registration number



Two methods for registration

1. Self registration



2. MPI-recommended registration



Method depends on product category

Via MPI recommendation to GACC	Self-registration directly with GACC
<p><u>18 product categories</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Meat and meat products2. Casings3. Aquatic products4. Dairy products (including dairy-based infant formula products)5. Edible fats and oils6. Bee products7. Milled grain industry products and malt8. Fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans9. Foods for special dietary purpose10. Health foods (functional foods)11. Birds nest and products12. Eggs and egg products13. Stuffed pasta14. Edible grains15. Seasonings16. Nuts and seeds17. Dried fruits18. Unroasted coffee beans and cocoa beans	<p>If the product is not one of the 18 product categories</p> <p>e.g. fruit juice, confectionary, wine, most processed foods etc.</p>

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. The person is wearing a grey, textured sweater. The laptop screen is visible on the left, showing a webpage with some text and a navigation menu. The background is out of focus, showing what appears to be another computer monitor and some papers on a desk. A semi-transparent purple rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text 'Part 1: Self-Registration' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Part 1: Self-Registration

How to self register

- Apply online at <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn/>
- Follow the MPI step-by-step guidance [here](#)
- Contact exporterhelp@mpi.govt.nz if you have further questions

You will need to 'Create an account' or 'Sign in' (see Part 2 of this guidance for help in creating a user account). Note, you may be able to sign in using your China Single Window username and password if you have one already.

进口食品境外生产企业注册管理系统
China Import Food Enterprises Registration

EN 中

LOGIN OR REGISTER

Username

Password

Enter Code Shown in Image P1EPA3

Sign in Create an account

Not a Overseas Manufacturing Enterprise? [Click Here](#)

Select EN for English version of the CIFER website. When EN is shaded blue, it has been selected.

Select 'Create an Account' if you do not have a user account

How to self register

The screenshot shows the 'China Import Food Enterprise Registration' application interface. The top navigation bar is blue and contains the logo of the 'China International Trade Single Window' (中国国际贸易单一窗口) and the text 'China Import Food Enterprise Registration'. On the right side of the top bar, there is a power icon and the text '退出' (Exit). Below the top bar, there is a dark grey sidebar on the left with a list of menu items: 'China Import Food Enterprise Registration', 'Application for registration' (highlighted with an orange circle and an arrow), 'Application for modification', 'Application for extension', 'Application for cancellation', 'Integrated query', 'Account certification', 'Product type query', 'Operation manual', and 'Contact us'. The main content area has a light grey header with a hamburger menu icon, a back arrow, the text '首页' (Home), and 'Application for registration'. Below this header, the main content area is titled 'Enterprise registration, Please select the product category'. It lists several product categories with expandable arrows: 'Vegetables and vegetable products (Fresh and dehydrated vegetables are excluded)', 'Grain products and other products', 'Tea', 'Nuts and seeds products', 'Alcoholic beverages', 'Beverages and frozen beverages', 'Biscuits, cakes and bread', and 'Sugars (including raw sugar, sugar, lactose, syrup, etc.)'.

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Biscuits, cakes and bread

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What's needed?

The screenshot shows a web-based application form for 'China Import Food Enterprise Registration'. The form is titled 'Application for registration' and is currently in a 'Draft' state. It is divided into several sections: 'Basic Information', 'Production-related Information', 'Declaration Information', and 'Attachment Information'. The 'Basic Information' section includes fields for 'Country (Region)' (set to 'New Zealand'), 'Registration number approved by local competent authority', 'Name of the registration approval competent authority', 'Registration number (in China)', 'Registration date (in China)', 'Registration expiration date (in China)', 'Enterprise name', 'Plant establishment time', and 'State/Province/Territory'. A red status indicator at the top right says 'current state: Enterprise temporary saved'. A blue arrow points from the text 'Application form' to the right side of the form.

Application form



Food safety ID document (MPI registration)

现声明 [ENTER YOUR COMPANY NAME] (企业名称) 提交的信息真实、完整, 能够符合中国和 [ENTER 'New Zealand' 新西兰] (出口国家或地区名称) 相关法规及《中华人民共和国进口食品境外生产企业注册管理规定》的要求, 请予以注册。

法定代表人姓名和职务

法定代表人签名和公司盖章 日期:

(English Translation for Reference)

Annex 12
Declaration of conformity for overseas production enterprises of imported foods for self-application
The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC):

It is hereby declared that the information submitted by [ENTER YOUR COMPANY NAME] is true and complete, and can comply with the relevant laws and regulations of China and [ENTER 'New Zealand'] (name of exporting country or region) and the requirements of the "Regulations on the Registration and Management of Imported Food Overseas Production Enterprises of the People's Republic of China". Please register.

Self-declaration

Important!

Make sure name and address match the MPI-registered information exactly:

- Limited versus Ltd
- Street versus St

A photograph of three people in a meeting. A man in a brown shirt is looking at a document on the table. A woman in a white polka-dot shirt is smiling. A man in a dark suit is partially visible on the left. The table has papers, sticky notes, and a tablet. A blue banner with white text is overlaid on the image.

Part 2: MPI-recommended registration

Registration for 18 food categories must be by MPI recommendation

Article 7 Overseas manufacturers of the following foods shall be recommended by the competent authorities of their countries/regions to the GACC for registration: meat and meat products, casings, aquatic products, dairy products, bird's nests and bird's nest products, bee products, eggs and egg products, edible oils and fats, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible grains, milled grain industry products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans, condiments, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee beans and cocoa beans, foods for special dietary purposes, and functional foods.

Registration materials required

1. **MPI recommendation** (*MPI submits the application to GACC*)
2. Registration application in CIFER
3. Manufacturer identity document issued by MPI
4. **MPI Declaration** that the manufacturer can meet the relevant regulations of China and New Zealand and the requirements of Decree 248.
5. **MPI 'examination/inspection/review' report**

All applications must be done on GACC's online registration system (CIFER)

The yellow highlights show the extra information needed for MPI-recommended applications

MPI Declaration

- **‘True and complete’**
Application form/ CIFER fields
- **‘Can meet relevant New Zealand regulations’**
MPI-approved registration
- **‘Can meet relevant China regulations and Decree 248’**
Verified ‘Registration Conditions’ and compliance to associated GB references

**Declaration of Conformity of New Zealand Ministry for
Primary Industries to Recommend Manufacturers to
Register in China**

General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC):

New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries hereby recommends
[Product Category Name] manufacturing enterprise to register in China
and provides relevant materials.

It is hereby declared that the information of the recommended
manufacturer is **true and complete**, and **can meet the relevant regulations
of China and New Zealand and the ‘Regulations of the People's Republic
of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas
Manufacturers of Imported Food’**. Please register them.

MPI 'examination/ inspection/ review' report

There is a different 'Registration Conditions' template for each product category

- MPI and premises shall make a truthful determination of conformity according to the **actual situation** of the control inspection
- Annex catalogue of **supporting materials**
- MPI is currently **analysing** each template against NZ legislative requirements

<p>Annex 4-2-5 Import fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans from overseas production enterprises - Registration conditions and control check points</p> <p>Registration number: Business name: Business address: Fill in the form date: Fill in the form to explain:</p> <p>1. In accordance with the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Production Enterprises of Imported Food (Order No. 248 of the General Administration of Customs), apply to China for registration of overseas preservation and dehydration. The sanitary conditions of vegetable and dried bean production enterprises shall comply with the relevant provisions of Chinese laws, regulations and standards, and the requirements of the Protocol on Inspection and Quarantine of Fresh and Dehydrated Vegetables and Dried Beans. This form is for imported fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans</p>		<p>overseas officials in accordance with the listed main conditions and basis, against the main points of review for fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans production enterprises to carry out official inspection:</p> <p>2. The overseas competent official and overseas fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans production enterprises shall make a truthful determination of conformity according to the actual situation of the control inspection.</p> <p>3. The submission materials shall be Chinese or filled in in English, the contents shall be true and complete, the attachments shall be numbered, the attachment numbers and contents shall correspond accurately to the item numbers and contents in the 'Filing requirements and supporting materials' column, and the annex catalogue of the supporting materials shall be submitted.</p> <p>4. Fresh and dehydrated vegetables refer to fresh vegetables or all kinds of vegetable products processed by the preservation, dehydration, drying and other drying process, including leafy vegetables, stem vegetables, cauliflower, eggplant, melon vegetables, legumes, root vegetables and edible fungi. Dry beans refer to the seeds of other soybeans besides soybeans after drying process.</p>																									
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Current MPI-recommended GACC registrations

There are currently **11** GACC registers for New Zealand premises (of the 18 product categories where MPI must recommend)

- Meat
- Casings
- Seafood (fish products)
- Dairy products
- Infant and young children formula (dairy-based)
- Bee products
- Edible fats and oils
- Milled grain industry products and malt
- Fresh/chilled and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans
- Foods for special dietary purpose
- Health food (functional foods and dietary supplements)

Current CIPHER registration records will need to be completed in the future – to include all compulsory fields.

MPI will notify how to do this (for each product category) as required.

In most cases MPI expects for this to be done as part of a renewal application (which also needs to be recommended by MPI).

New processes for MPI recommendation

Under Decree 248 the process for how MPI recommends manufacturing premises for GACC registration has changed:

- New product categories need MPI recommendation
- New and complex Registration Conditions, including for some food regulated in New Zealand under the Food Act



New processes for MPI recommendation

- For premises that manufacture non-animal products under the **Food Act** that are intended for export to China, the processes will be notified in an MPI administrative programme
- For premises that manufacture animal products (or non animal products) under the **Animal Products Act** that are intended for export to China, the processes will be notified in the China Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR)

MPI needs to develop new processes to incorporate these changes so MPI has the necessary confidence to make the required declaration to GACC

New processes for MPI recommendation

- Will cover new registration applications, and applications for modification/renewal/cancellation of an existing registration
- Will involve review by an MPI-recognised agency (verifier) of:
 - ✓ CIFER application form (a paper version) to ensure it is true and complete
 - ✓ Manufacturing premises' food safety system against Chinese requirements ('Registration Conditions') by desktop review and/or on-site audit
- Registration trials with industry will be carried out (as needed) to test the new processes before they are finalised



Summary: Next Steps for MPI



Develop

- ✓ Develop MPI processes for recommending new registration and modification, renewal or cancellation to current registration
- ✓ Include consultation with industry/verifiers and trials (where required)



Implement

- ✓ Work with verifiers to ensure they are familiar with the new MPI requirements, forms and processes for China
- ✓ Notify to all stakeholders (industry, verifiers etc.)
- ✓ Q&A sessions for industry (where required)

Animal Products
Act (OMAR)
&
Food Act
(Administrative
Programme)

Summary: Next Steps for operators



Develop

- ✓ Become familiar with CIFER and the GACC requirements under Decree 248
- ✓ Participate in consultation of new requirements and/or trials (where needed)
- ✓ Don't submit any CIFER applications to MPI yet for a new registration or to modify/ renew an existing registration
- ✓ Questions to ChinaCountryListings@mpi.govt.nz



Implement

- ✓ Be aware and follow any relevant MPI notifications (FYIs, OMAR updates) – [subscribe to MPI](#)
- ✓ Participate in any relevant Q&A sessions for industry in the future

Animal Products Act (OMAR)
&
Food Act (Administrative Programme)

A woman wearing a white lab coat, a white hairnet, and blue gloves is looking at a tablet computer. She is standing in a factory or warehouse setting with many cardboard boxes and bags of material in the background. A yellow rectangular box with the text "FAQs" is overlaid on the image.

FAQs

How do I get access to the China registration website (CIFER)?

- The website address is <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn>
- You will need a username and login
 - If you have products to self register, 'create an account' yourself
 - If you have products to register that require MPI recommendation, contact ChinaCountryListings@mpi.govt.nz to request an account
- If you have already set up your own account and now need access to the 18 categories that MPI needs to recommend, request this in CIFER via 'Account Certification'
- Remember that each CIFER account links to **one** manufacturing premises (location) only. If you have more than one manufacturing premises, you'll need more than one account.

I'm not sure if my product needs self-registration or MPI-recommended registration?

- Search by HS/CIQ code under 'Product type query'
- Check the 'Officially recommended registration' column
 - NO = self-registration
 - YES = MPI recommended registration

China International Trade Single Window | China Import Food Enterprise Registration

front page Product type query

Screening conditions

HS code Product name CIQ code

Query Reset

*if the HS/CIQ code of relevant product is not found, your product does not need to apply for overseas enterprise registration in this system at present.

Order...	HS code	Product name	CIQ code	CIQ name	Product range	Product category	Officially ...
1	1704900000	Other non-cocoa sweets (including white chocolate)	101	Other confections (including white chocolate) without cocoa (synthetic sugar)	Sugars (including raw sugar, table sugar, lactose, syrup, etc.)	Other sugars	NO
2	1704900000	Other non-cocoa sweets (including white chocolate)	102	Other confectionery (including white chocolate) not containing cocoa (hard candy)	Candy, chocolate (including chocolate, cocoa butter substitute and its products)	Candy	NO

I have been told I need to put the China Registration number on the label – is this a requirement under Decree 248?

- Decree 248 (Article 15) allows for either the China registration number or the MPI Registration number (RMP, ULI, Food Act Registration, WSMP) to be used.
- MPI understands that some Chinese importers and/or Chinese port authorities are requesting that the China registration number be included on the inner and outer labels.
- These types of requests may come from the GACC interpretation document (published by GACC on 5 November 2021) where it is advised that ***in the long run, GACC encourages overseas facilities to mark the China Registration number.***

Article 15 The enterprises that have been approved for registration shall label the registration number in China or the registration number approved by the competent authority of the country (region) where they are located on the inner and outer packaging of the foods exported to China.

(Pt. 2) I have been told I need to put the China Registration number on the label – is this a requirement under Decree 248?

- If you currently have the MPI Registration number on the label, and you choose to change to the China Registration number, consider first whether it is a New Zealand regulatory requirement to include the MPI Registration number – you may need to have both.
- Remember the labelling requirement only applies to food **manufactured from 1 January 2022**



What size and where should the registration number be placed on the inner and outer label?

- Not a question directly related to Decree 248
- Decree 248 states the registration number must be on the label – that's all.
- For placement and size and type/method, liaise with customers and importers.
- For inner retail labels, label in accordance with the general rules for the labelling of pre-packaged foods in China's national food safety standards (status quo)



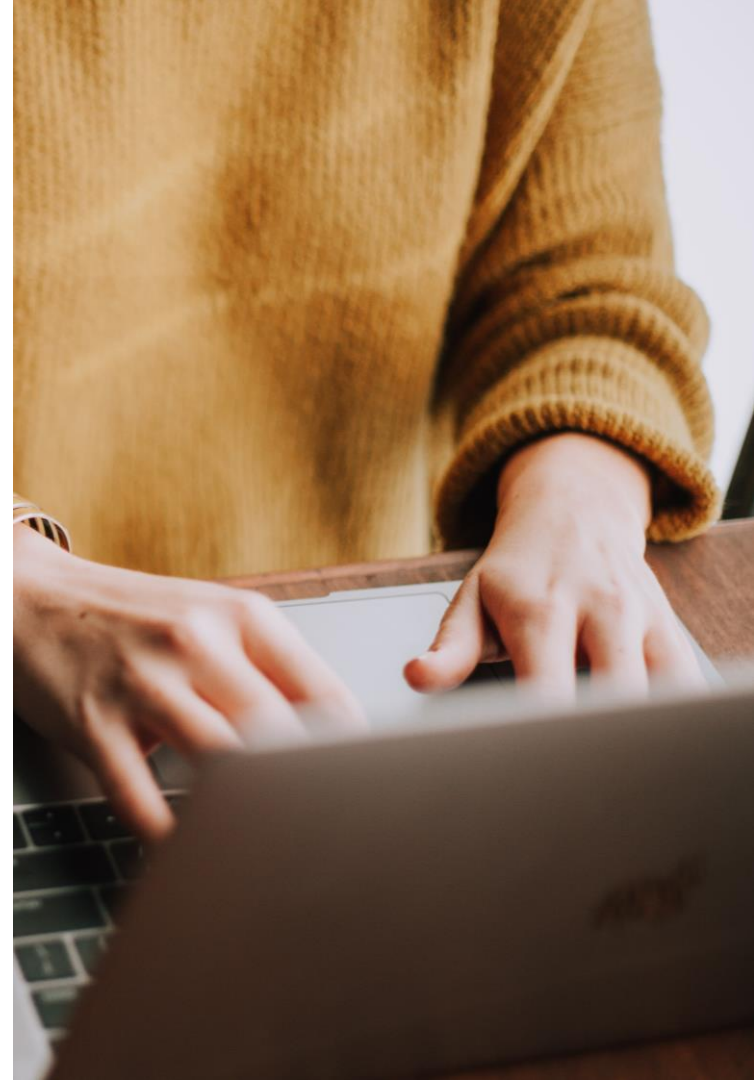
Can I apply for self-registration on behalf of a manufacturer?

- A 'trusted agent' is allowed to apply for self-registration on behalf of a manufacturer (Article 9).
- However you should be aware of the GACC interpretation of Article 9 and the need for an **entrustment letter**.
- The link to an unofficial English translation of the GACC interpretation document (GAIN report) can be found in MPI [FYI F14/22](#)

The agents entrusted can be domestic or foreign organizations and individuals that conform to local laws and regulations. While entrusting an agent to file for registration application to the Customs, the overseas producer shall provide the applications materials, and **the entrustment letter**. The entrustment letter shall contain: basic information of the principle (the overseas producer) and its entrusted agent, the entrusted matters and the authority of the agent, the starting and ending date of the entrustment, the date of entrustment, signature or seal of the principle. If the principle alters the content of the entrustment or terminate the entrustment early, such change and the termination shall be notified to the Customs in writing.

I have an existing (18 category) China registration – what do I have to do on CIFER?

- In short: nothing yet
- Check you can login to CIFER (ie you have a username and password)
- Explore the website and become familiar with it
- Have a look at your current registrations in CIFER and let the China Market Access team know if there is anything that concerns you
- Ensure you are subscribed to the MPI updates so that you will be the first to know when the new processes are published and ready to go
 - ✓ Subscribe here:
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news/subscribe-to-mpi/>



Is the products list in CIFER (with HS code/ CIQ code details) currently being used for customs clearance?

- Refers to the 'Qualification obtained of Registered in China' table in CIFER.
- HS/CIQ code on import declaration must match what is in CIFER.
- For existing registrations (18 categories), these tables do not appear to have been completed by GACC yet
- MPI is aware of some instances where clearance in China has been delayed due to the product not being in this table. In these instances, MPI has engaged directly with GACC to resolve.

Qualification obtained of Registered in China

Or...	Registration number in China	Specific food variety approved for registration	Time for first approval of registration	Operation
No matching records found				

Feedback



Questions



An aerial photograph of a port. In the foreground, a large container ship is docked, its deck covered with stacks of colorful shipping containers in shades of blue, brown, and grey. In the background, several large gantry cranes are visible against a cloudy sky. The overall scene is industrial and busy.

Thank you!

Questions on self-registration?

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Questions on the 18 categories /
MPI-recommended registration?

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