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China Conducts Electronic Upgrade to its Foreign Food Importer and Exporter Registration System

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Report Highlights:

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Executive Summary:

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AQSIQ Public Notice concerning Adoption of the Upgraded Foreign Food Importer and Exporter Registration Filing Management System

Public Notice [2015] No.98

Pursuant to the “*Food Safety Law*” and its implementing rules, the State Council’s “*Special Regulations on Strengthening Oversight of Food Safety*”, the “*Administrative Provisions on the Registration Filing of Importers and Exporter of Imported Food Products*” and the “*Administrative Provisions on Record Filing of Import and Trading of Foods*”, the AQSIQ formally adopted the Foreign Food Importer and Exporter Registration Filing Management System (the “registration filing management system”) on October 1, 2012. Pursuant to requirements of the revised Food Safety Law, AQSIQ upgraded the registration filing management system, and makes the following announcements:

I. Adoption of the new registration filing management system

From October 1, 2015, (AQSIQ) will adopt the new registration filing management system, website <http://ire.eciq.cn>. Chinese importers and foreign exporters could log in the system through the Internet, submit their registration information for record filing.

I. Handling/Processing the Importer/Exporter Registration Filing

After adoption of the new registration filing system, the foreign exporters, agent or Chinese importers of imported foods should follow relevant requirements of the “AQSIQ Public Notice Releasing the ‘*Administrative Provisions on the Registration Filing of Importers and Exporter of Imported Food Products*’ and the ‘*Administrative Provisions on Record Filing of Import and Trading of Foods*’” (AQSIQ Public Notice [2012] No.55), process the registration filing with the new system, and shall be responsible for truthfulness of the submitted information. ASQSIQ, pursuant to relevant law and regulations, will announce the foreign exporter/agents and Chinese importer that registered with the system.

I. Record of Completed Import and Trading

Chinese importer of imported foods should, following relevant requirements of the AQSIQ Public

Notice [2012] No.55, fill their import and trading records in the new system, mainly include: foreign producer or agent of the imported foods, Chinese importer and buyers, and shall be responsible for truthfulness of the information.

I. Use of relevant information

While declaring imported foods (with CIQ), the importer of imported foods or its agent should provide name of the importer/exporter and its registration filing number in the declaration form, along with the import and trading record of the last batch of imported foods.

From October 1, 2015, the AQSIQ Public Notice concerning “Adoption of Foreign Food Importer and Exporter Registration Filing Management System ([2012] No.148) is abolished.

It is publicly announced.

AQSIQ
August 17, 2015