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Sub: Information on Registration Regulations prescribed by People's Republic of China-reg

- Ref: 1. Circular No:13/2021 dated 22.10.2021
2. Circular No: 16/2021 dated 29.11.2022
3. Circular No: 08/2022-23 dated 25.07.2022
4. Circular No: 16/2022-23 dated 06.10.2022

In continuation to the circulars cited above with regard to the Registration Regulations prescribed by People's Republic of China, the Embassy of India (Eol), Beijing has informed that, the Department of Animal & Plant Quarantine (DAPQ) of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) will be responsible for the quarantine access, registration of overseas enterprises and other related works of certain products including Traditional Chinese Medicines (TCM) & Plant Seasoning (Spices), which are of high quarantine risk. The enterprises of the above-mentioned products will no longer be registered through China Import Food Enterprise Registration System (CIFER) and the registration requirements will be as follows.

- i) For TCM Products, no registration with GACC (CIFER/DAPQ) is required and the enterprises may follow the requirements stipulated in Spices Board Circular No: 08/2022-23 dated 25.07.2022.
- ii) For Plant Seasoning (Spices), the enterprises shall submit the application and relevant materials (in the prescribed format) to Spices Board India, for further submission to the DAPQ, China through Eol, Beijing. The format may be downloaded from the link <https://bit.ly/3uPWIK4> and submitted to the Board along with a copy of the valid Spices Board CRES and IEC to the concerned Regional Office, with copy to dm.sb-ker@gov.in & razypn.sb@gov.in, for further processing/recommendation.

Further, it may be noted that, the registration of enterprises, that are already registered in the CIFER portal shall remain valid and the details of the same can be verified through the link <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/>. Accordingly, the enterprises who have already registered through CIFER and the enterprises who already have submitted application in CIFER (awaiting APPROVAL), need not undergo the new registration procedure.

Spices that fall under the category of TCM and spices that fall under the category plant seasoning (which are having market access from India to China) that are moved from the ambit of CIFER system to DAPQ are attached as Annexure I. The products which are having market access and does not fall in Annexure I needs to be registered through CIFER.

Also, a set of FAQ prepared based on the information received from Eol, Beijing, is attached as Annexure II.

All enterprises who export spices to China are advised to take note of the requirements prescribed by GACC and make necessary arrangements. The earlier Circulars issued by Spices Board with regard to the export of Spices & Spices products to China may also be referred to.



Director (MKTG)

To,
All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products
(Issued from File No: MKT-QR/0001/2020-MARKETING - 18053)
(Hindi Version follows)

List of spices that fall under TCM product category and requires registration through DAPQ

Sl No.	Product Name(Chinese)	Common name	Remarks
1	八角茴香 ANISI STELLATI FRUCTUS	Star Anise	Spice
2	豆蔻 AMOMI FRUCTUS ROTUNDUS	Cardamom	Spice
3	莪术 CURCUMAE RHIZOMA	Curcuma	Spice
4	胡椒 PIPERIS FRUCTUS	Black Pepper	Spice
5	胡芦巴 (胡芦巴) TRIGONELLAE SEMEN	Fenugreek	Spice
6	姜 (生姜、干姜) 生姜 ZINGIBERIS RHIZOMA RECENS, 干姜 ZINGIBERIS RHIZOMA	Ginger	Spice
7	姜黄 CURCUMAE LONGAE RHIZOMA	Turmeric	Spice
8	芥子 SINAPIS SEMEN	Mustard seeds	Spice
9	决明子 CASSIAE SEMEN	Cassia	Spice
10	辣椒干 CAPSICI FRUCTUS	Dried Chili	Spice
11	小茴香 FOENICULI FRUCTUS	Cumin	Spice

List of spices that fall under Plant Seasoning (Spices) category and requires registration through DAPQ

Sl No.	HS code	Product name	CIQ code	CIQ name
1	0909611000	Seeds of badian neither crushed nor ground	102	Seeds of badian (spices) neither crushed nor ground
2	0908310000	Cardamoms neither crushed nor ground (excluding	102	Cardamoms neither crushed nor ground (excluding cultivated ones) (spices)

		cultivated ones)		
3	0904110090	Pepper of the genus Piper neither crushed nor ground	102	Pepper of the genus Piper neither crushed nor ground (except piper) (spices)
4	0910990000	Other spices	115	Other spices (fenugreek seeds)
5	0910300000	Turmeric	103	Turmeric (spices)
6	0909310000	Seeds of cumin neither crushed nor ground	999	Seeds of cumin neither crushed nor ground
7	0904210000	Dried fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta neither crushed nor ground	102	Dried fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta neither crushed nor ground (dried fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta)
8	0910990000	Other spices	114	Other spices (celery seeds)
9	0910110000	Ginger neither crushed nor ground	103	Ginger (spices) neither crushed nor ground
10	0909619010	Seeds of fennel neither crushed nor ground; juniper berries neither crushed nor ground	102	Seeds of fennel neither crushed nor ground; juniper berries (spices) neither crushed nor ground
11	0909210000	Seeds of coriander neither crushed nor ground	999	Seeds of coriander neither crushed nor ground
12	0909619090	Seeds of anise neither crushed nor ground; caraway neither crushed nor ground	102	Seeds of anise neither crushed nor ground; caraway (caraway) neither crushed nor ground
13	1211905099	Other plants of a kind used primarily in spices	114	Other plants of a kind used primarily in spices (including their parts, whether or not cut, crushed or ground into powder) (basil powder)

FAQs prepared based on the inputs received from EoI, Beijing

Q1. As per the details of items to be included in the new method of registration, several spices have been excluded, whereas these spices are currently having market access. Hence, if an enterprise intends to export such spices that are having market access and are not listed in Annexure I, do they need to get registered through both systems (CIFER & DAPQ)?

Ans: Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine is in charge of un-ground spices. Among all the un-ground spices in charge by Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine, India has the market access of 13 items which are already in the list. For these 13 items, enterprises need to register with Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine.

Other spices (ground spices) which India has market access, enterprises still need to register those items in CIFER.

If enterprises export spices not falling under TCM category, enterprises need to register in CIFER or with Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine as per the product details.

Q2. As the CIFER system has been changed, whether the enterprises exporting seasoning(Spices) from India need to follow the labeling requirements as per order 248 & 249 of GACC?

Ans: Establishments should follow the labeling requirements as per order 248 & 249. Only the method of registration has changed.

Q3. What would be the procedure to be followed (CIFER or offline), if an already registered establishment wishes to amend the registration?

Ans: The amendment in registration is based on the categorization of product. If a product need to be registered in CIFER, enterprises should amend the registration in CIFER.

If a product need to be registered with Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine, enterprises may submit the form to the Board in the prescribed format, as mentioned in the Circular.

Q4. In the new system of registration, how an enterprise will be issued with GACC number? How can he modify/amend the registration and how the enterprise could verify the items registered under his registration?

Ans: For products under the charge of Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine, as of now Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine **will not issue any registration number**. However, Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine is preparing its own registration system, the details of which is awaited.

List of approved enterprises will be published on the website of Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine, GACC, which can be accessed from the link, <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/dzs/2747042/3995819/qtzwcp/4643123/index.html>.

Further, as the registration system for DAPQ is under development, enterprises which are reflected in the DAPQ registration system (accessed vide above link) can verify the products/items registered under his DAPQ registration, by logging into CIFER system.

Q5. What would be the procedure to be followed for renewal of GACC registration for the already registered enterprises. Is it through GACC portal or through the newly introduced system ?

Ans: For products which need to be registered in CIFER, enterprises should renew the registration in CIFER only. For products under Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine, as of now, there is no expiration date.

Q6. As per earlier CIFER system, an exporter is obtaining the GACC registration based on the HS & CIQ code of the specific product. Likewise, will all the CIQ codes of a particular HS Code (product) be allowed for export from India to PRC, on obtaining DAPQ registration for that particular HS code?

Ans: No. Only the products which India has market access can be exported. Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine. GACC informed that enterprises should register the products by HS code and CIQ code.

Q7. There are some applications pending with GACC in CIFER system. Do we need to follow the new procedure for the cases that are pending with GACC?

Ans: For the pending application submitted in CIFER system, the enterprise can continue to wait for approval. List of approved enterprises is published on the website of Dept. of Animal and Plant Quarantine, GACC, which can be accessed from <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/dzs/2747042/3995819/qtzwcp/4643123/index.html>. However, if

enterprises wish to register through new system, they may submit the form in the prescribed format to Spices Board, as detailed in the circular.

Q8. Whether the Circular No: 8/2022-23 dated 25.07.2022 issued by Spices Board with regard to the export of TCM products stands valid ? Or do they follow the new system of registration?

Ans: Yes, TCM products have been moved from CIFER to DAPQ system and does not require any registration. For export of TCM products, the enterprises may follow the instructions issued vide Circular No:08/2022-23 dated 25.07.2022.
