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Sub: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) relating to Registration Regulations prescribed by People's Republic of China-reg

This has reference to Spices Board Circular no 13/2021 dated 22nd October, 2021 regarding the registration requirements imposed by the General Administration of Customs (GACC), People's Republic of China. In this regard, the Board had taken up the queries of spice exporters with the Indian Embassy, Beijing and the replies received are given below.

Q1) Do the exporters who have provided details to Spices Board for GACC registration (which subsequently have been provided to Embassy and further to GACC), need to complete/apply individually for the registration on www.singlewindow.cn? (Some exporters, in addition to providing details to Spices Board has registered online in the single window portal, as the buyers have insisted for the same)

Ans: It may be noted that, there are 18 categories of products which require registration. The 18 categories as mentioned in orders no.248, Article 7 are meat and meat products, casings, aquatic products, dairy products, bird's nest and bird's nest products, bee products, eggs and egg products, edibles Fats and oils, stuffed pasta, edible grains, grain milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables and dried beans, seasonings, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee beans and cocoa beans, special dietary foods, health food. For all products within the 18 categories, the competent Indian authorities need to provide the lists of enterprises.

The spices and spice products for which India has obtained market access in China & falls under the above mentioned 18 categories are listed in the table below,

Table 1-Spices and spice products that require registration	
1	Star anise
2	Thyme leaf (powder)
3	Cardamom
4	Pepper
5	Curcuma longa rhizome (Turmeric)
6	Curry powder
7	Cuminum seed (Cumin)
8	Chilli powder
9	Dried Pepper (Chilli)
10	Celery seed
11	Ginger
12	Dill powder
13	Fennel
14	Caraway seed
15	Coriander seed

The list provided to GACC by the competent authorities of India (including the list provided by Spices Board India for registration of spice exporters with GACC) are being reviewed by GACC, and the review results will be published in December.

2) Is the GACC registration required for export of all products to China, including the products that are not listed in the table above (provided by GACC). If not, can the firms continue exporting to China the products which are not listed in the table above, as per the procedure followed earlier?

Ans: For products that do not belong to the 18 categories and India has market access, the enterprises may register themselves through the single window (www.singlewindow.cn). The specific review and approval date shall be determined according to the materials provided by the enterprise. Enterprises can check the status of registration online by themselves. If there are items belonging to the above- mentioned 18 categories and are currently exported to China, but

are not listed in Table 1 above, the product name and HS Code of such items may be given to Spices Board for further providing to GACC, and GACC will check and provide response.

Q3) What would be the time period required for completion of registration and for providing the registration number. It is learnt that the registration number should be printed on all labels of packages that enter China starting January 01, 2022? &

Q4) Can we get a confirmation from GACC about receipt of the details for registration, so that the same can be shared by the exporters with the buyers in China. As the export schedules are planned in advance, the buyers are insisting for such a confirmation, so as to ensure continuity of supply?

Ans: Since the implementation date is January 1, 2022, GACC mentioned that the registration number needs to be submitted, if the Customs declaration is after January 1, 2022. GACC has not provided a specific date for completion of registration process and issuance of registration number. The Indian Embassy, Beijing, China has conveyed to GACC that there is urgency in getting to know the registration number and registration status since exports for January 2022 need to depart Indian ports by the mid of December.

This is for kind information and the needful action.


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To

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products

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