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Report Highlights:

This is an UNOFFICIAL translation of an announcement of China's quarantine authority and should be used a guide only. Exporters should carefully discuss regulations and their application with Chinese importers to ensure that their interpretation of the regulation is accurate.

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Summary

China's animal and plant health authority AQSIQ announced that importation of certain agricultural products no longer requires an advance quarantine import permit (QIP) as of September 1, 2004. These products, however, are subject to inspection and quarantine at the point of entry. The announcement only gives generic names for these products and the HS codes are not immediately available. AQSIQ is trying out an online QIP application system and once this system becomes fully operational on November 1, 2004, it will automatically alert customers where a QIP is needed. Meanwhile, exporters should always consult with their Chinese importers who should be familiar with what products this announcement covers. Animal and plant products not mentioned in this announcement or other announcements will still need to get a QIP before importation (see GAIN reports CH1051, and CH3110). The announcement was published on AQSIQ's web site (www.aqsiq.gov.cn) on August 31, 2004.

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**General Administration of Quality, Inspection, and Quarantine of China (AQSIQ)
Announcement No. 111**

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In a bid to perfect the review and approval process for entry animal and plant quarantine, it has been decided, after risk assessments, that the following animal and plant products will be exempted from entry quarantine review and approval as of September 1, 2004:

Animal products: wet (dry) blues, tanned hides and skins, cleaned eider down, cleaned fur, carbonated fur, wool tops, shell fish, aquatic products, honey products, egg products (not including fresh eggs), dairy products (not including fresh milk), processed meat products (e.g. sausage, ham, canned meat, edible animal fat extracted through heating);

Plant products: processed grain products (e.g. rice, wheat flour, rice flour, starch, etc.), processed tuber products (fine potato powder, etc.), feed additives of plant-origin, lactic acid bacteria, saccharomycetes.

Relevant enterprises do not need to apply for a quarantine permit for entry animal and plant prior to importing the aforementioned products. However, they should declare for inspection and quarantine at the inspection and quarantine agency when products enter the country in line with relevant regulations and accept inspection and quarantine accordingly.

Imported meat for processing and re-export purposes will adopt an annual review and approval mechanism, the inspection and quarantine agencies directly under AQSIQ should conduct cancellation-after-verification based on enterprises' actual processing capacity and their Customs Registration Manual of the P.R. China for Processing of Imported Materials, or Customs Registration Manual of the P.R. China for Processing of Supplied Materials, or the Customs of P.R. China on Importation of Materials for Processing and Re-export as Required to Perform Export Contract by Foreign Invested Enterprises.

It is therefore announced as such.

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