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MEDIA STATEMENT

Notification on the new Regulation - “Regulations on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food (Decree 248)”, to be implemented by the People’s Republic of China with effect from January 2022.

DATE: 22 DECEMBER 2021

This media statement serves as a notice to all South African exporters of food and food products destined for China market to register in accordance with the "Regulations on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food (Decree 248) which will enter into force on January 1, 2022. This new regulation (Decree 248) stipulates that all the food manufacturers, processors, and/or storage facilities that exports to China will have to register their facilities and product(s) on the General Administration Customs of China (GACC) online portal (<https://cifer.singlewindow.cn/>).

All new applications/deletions/modifications of 18 categories of food products destined for export into the People’s Republic of China shall be administered via China’s registration management system (<https://cifer.singlewindow.cn/>) by the account of competent authority of export country and in the case of South Africa, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) and the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) will be the competent authority and each will be responsible for the products it regulates. The new Decree 248 will replace the Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Producers for Imported Food Decree 145. Once registered via the portal, the industry body/ organisation will send a consolidated list to the competent authority responsible for handling such a product in South Africa i.e. DALRRD or NRCS as listed below, for verification and submission to the GACC via Chinese Embassy:

List of contact persons and competent authorities in South Africa:

Product	Competent Authority in South Africa	Contact person	Contacts
1. Meat/Beef exports - registration of Abattoirs	DALRRD	Mr. Stephen Brown	Email: StepheB@Dalrrd.gov.za Tel: 012 319 7410
2. Fishery products and fish meals	DALRRD	Dr Boitumelo Motsisi-Mehlape	Email: BoitumeloMot@Dalrrd.gov.za Tel: 012 319 7648
3. Vegetables, Agronomy and grain related products	DALRRD	Ms. Caroline Makobe	Email: CarolineL@Dalrrd.gov.za Tel: 012 319 6291
4. Agro-processed products	DALRRD	Mr. Theo Van Rensburg	Email: TheoVR@Dalrrd.gov.za Tel: 012 319-6020
5. Fishery products	NRCS	Ms Ntomboxolo Meisie Katz	Katzmn@nrccs.org.za Tel: 0 21 526 3400



All affected parties are advised to register on time or as guided by the regulation in order to ensure swift exportation of South Africa products destined for the China market and contact the relevant authority in case clarity may be needed.

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