



INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

| FOR SEAFOOD AT CHINESE PORTS OF ENTRY

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Purpose

This report provides information on the key components of AQSIQ decrees that apply to exports of aquatic products from Australia. These are subject to change. The Seafood Trade Advisory Group will update this document from time to time as needed. Readers should check the STAG website and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website to see if there are any updates.

Decree 135 – Administrative Measures of Inspection, Quarantine and Supervision on Import and Export Aquatic Products (nonviable aquatic foods)

Record management

Aquatic products sourced overseas for import into China must comply with Chinese laws and regulations. AQSIQ has responsibility for managing this process and regularly publish lists of overseas establishments with granted access.

The list of approved Australian export registered seafood establishments can be found online at the Certification and Accreditation Administration of China (CNCA) in Chinese (<http://www.cnca.gov.cn/ywzl/gjgnhz/jkzl/>). Updates to this list are submitted to CNCA by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources on a quarterly basis.

Exporters, importers and agents can complete registration requirements via the portal (<http://ire.eciq.cn/>) of the AQSIQ. The portal is bilingual so it is easily accessible for Australian exporters to complete their registrations.

Pre-inspection

AQSIQ can send officials to the export country or region to carry out pre-inspection of aquatic products to be exported to China. The timing of this is organised in consultation with the Competent Authority in the country of origin. For Australia this is the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. (<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/fish>)

Documentation

The consignee or its agent shall, prior to or upon the entry of aquatic products into the port, apply for entry via the China Inspection and Quarantine (CIQ) under AQSIQ for inspection/quarantine. The following documents are needed:

- original inspection and quarantine certificates issued by the export country or region,
- certificate of origin,
- trade contract,
- bill of lading,
- packing list,
- invoice
- other documentation as requested.

Inspection at the port of entry

The CIQ at the port of entry can conduct an on-site inspection and quarantine of the imported aquatic products, including:

- inspection of documents and goods
- inspection of whether the package meets the basic packaging requirements for the importation of aquatic products
- inspection of whether the goods are rotten and deteriorated or contain foreign matter (e.g. dried or iced blood, ice or frost).

Label in Chinese

The label (in Chinese) of the imported pre-packaged aquatic products will need to meet the provisions of relevant laws, administrative regulations, rules and the mandatory requirements of national technical specifications. In accordance with these provisions, the CIQ will check the label of pre-packaged aquatic products. (Please refer to *GB 7718-2011 Standard-General Rules for Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods*, and *GB 28050 – 2011 Standard on Nutrition Labelling of Pre-Packaged Foods*)

Sample, test and monitor

The CIQ will collect samples from imported aquatic products in accordance with risk. They will test or monitor the following items based on the requirements of the relevant standards, risk monitoring plans, and alert notifications:

- Pathogenic microbes, heavy metals, residues of pesticides, veterinary drugs, and other toxic or harmful substances
- Epidemic diseases and parasites
- Other required items (as specified from time to time).

For information about the standards for pathogenic microbes, heavy metals, residues of pesticides, veterinary drugs refer to the following references:

- Major microbiological standards in China
 GB/T 5009.45: Method for Analysis of Hygiene Standard of Fish and Other Aquatic Products
 GB 18406.4 - 2001: Hygienic Standard for Aquatic Products - Quality and Safety Requirements
 GB 10133 - 2005: Hygienic Standard for Aquatic Flavouring
 GB 10144 - 2005: Hygienic Standard for Dried Aquatic Products of Animal Origin
 GB 19643 - 2005: Hygienic Standard for Marine Algae and Algae Products
 GB 10132 - 2005: Hygienic Standard for Surimi Products
 GB 10136 - 2005: Hygienic Standard for Salt Liquor - Salted Aquatic Products of Animal Origin
 GB 29921 – 2013: National Food Safety Standard – Pathogen Limits for Food
- Major maximum limits for residue/contaminant standards in China

GB 2763-2016 (Standard for Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Food)
GB 2762-2012 (Standard for Contaminants in Foods)
GB 2733-2015 (Standard for Fresh and Frozen Animal Aquatic Products)
GB 10136-2015 (Standard for Animal Aquatic Products)
Ministry of Agriculture Announcement No. 235 (for Veterinary Drugs)

Certificate of Inspection and Quarantine of Entry Goods

For imported aquatic products to pass inspection and quarantine, the CIQ at the port of entry shall issue a *Certificate of Inspection and Quarantine of Entry Goods*, and approve the production, processing, sale and use of the products. The *Certificate of Inspection and Quarantine of Entry Goods* will specify traceable information, including the container number, manufacture batch number, manufacture name, and marks etc.

Notice on Inspection and Quarantine Treatment of Entry Goods

For imported aquatic products that do not pass inspection and quarantine, CIQ will issue a *Notice on Inspection and Quarantine Treatment of Entry Goods*. The aquatic products with unqualified items unrelated to human safety, health and environmental protection, will be permitted to receive technical treatments under the supervision of CIQ, and be sold and used only after passing a new inspection and quarantine.

For concerned parties seeking to apply for proof to support a claim of evidence for compensation, the CIQ will issue the relevant certificates.

The aquatic products will be returned or destroyed if involved in one of the following cases:

- The aquatic products subject to import quarantine approval do not have a valid Import Permit for entry animal and plant quarantine.
- The aquatic products subject to registration are without a valid registration with the Chinese authorities.
- The aquatic products do not have a valid inspection and quarantine certificate issued by the authorities of export country or region.
- The aquatic products are in violation of the regulations for human safety, health and environmental protection.

Decree 183 – Administrative Measures on Entry Inspection and Quarantine of Aquatic Animal (aquatic animals)

Species of aquatic animals

Aquatic animals in these measures refer to live species farmed or caught from natural waters: finfish, molluscs, crustaceans, jellyfish, echinoderms, cephalochordates, and amphibians, including their semen and fertilized spawn. The inspection and quarantine of reptiles are also subject to these Measures.

Quarantine access

On the basis of a risk analysis, AQSIQ will conduct inspection, quarantine and risk administration of aquatic animals for entry into China, and will conduct classified administration and credit administration of relevant enterprises for entry of aquatic animals into China.

AQSIQ will formulate, adjust and announce the eligible entry aquatic species, and export country or region list. They will also assess and register the overseas farming and packing enterprises. The registration will be valid for three years. The registered enterprises will apply for renewal of registration at least six months prior to the expiration of a current registration. AQSIQ may audit registered overseas enterprises, and regularly announce and adjust the list of registered enterprises.

Overseas inspection and quarantine

Overseas enterprises of breeding aquaculture and aquarium animals for registration must not have relevant diseases based on the record of continuous monitoring for more than two years. Enterprises must also comply with the requirements by OIE, exporting countries or regions, and bilateral agreements on inspection and quarantine.

Registered overseas enterprises of aquatic animals for food purposes must meet the requirements of the relevant aquatic diseases, toxic and harmful hazards, and pathogenic microorganisms by exporting countries, bilateral agreements, and requirements by China.

Export countries and enterprises must notify China of any large-scale death outbreak of aquatic animals. As such, health certificates from the authorities of export countries recognized by AQSIQ are required.

Aquatic animals from different farms or harvest sites must be packed separately. Aquatic animals of different species must also be packed independently for the purpose of animal survival and well-being. The inner-package is to be transparent for the convenience of inspection.

Within 48-hours prior of export to China, aquatic animals shall not have clinical symptoms of infectious animal diseases and/or parasites.

Inspection and quarantine during entry into China

Consignees of aquatic animals or their agents must apply for a quarantine permit. During application for the quarantine permit, the applicants will indicate the transport route and transport method, and whether there will be any changes to packages or transit to other countries/regions.

Overseas aquatic animals for food purposes will only enter China at the ports of entry designated by AOSIQ. These are listed below.

Table 1: Summary list of ports for fresh and chilled aquatic product designated by AOSIQ (Updated at the end of 2016)

Serial No	CIQ under AOSIQ	CIQ, or CIQ Office at Port	Port name	Port type (sea port, river port, airport, land route, etc)
1	Ximen CIQ	Dongdu CIQ	Xiamen Dongdu Port	Seaport
2		Airport CIQ	Xiamen Airport	Airport
3	Zhuhai CIQ	Hengqin CIQ	Hengqin Port	Land route
4	Fujian CIQ	Pingtang CIQ	Aoqian Port Area of Pingtang Port	Seaport
5		Fuzhou Airport CIQ	Changle Port of Fuzhou Airport	Airport
6		Quanzhou CIQ	Shijing Port of Quanzhou	Seaport
7		Fuqing CIQ	Nanqingyu Port of Fuqing	Seaport
8		Dongshan CIQ	Dongshan Port of Quanzhou	Seaport
9		Changle Office of Fuzhou CIQ	Songxia Port of Changle	Seaport
10		Shenzhen CIQ	Shenzhen Bay CIQ	Shenzhen Bay Port
11	Wenjindu CIQ		Wenjindu Port	Land route
12	Airport CIQ		Shenzhen Airport	Airport
13	Shekou CIQ		Shekou Airport	Seaport
14	Huanggang CIQ		Huanggang Port	Land route
15	Shanghai CIQ	Airport CIQ	Pudong International Airport	Airport
16		Pujiang River CIQ	Shanghai West-Suburb International Trade Centre Port	Airport
17	Liaoning CIQ	Dayao Bay CIQ	Dayao Bay Port	Seaport
18		Shenyang CIQ	Shenyang Airport	Airport

Serial No	CIQ under AQSIQ	CIQ, or CIQ Office at Port	Port name	Port type (sea port, river port, airport, land route, etc)
19		Dalian CIQ	Dalian Airport	Airport
20	Shandong CIQ	Longyan Port Office of Rongcheng CIQ	Longyan Port of Rongcheng	Seaport
21		Qingdao CIQ	Qingdao Port	Seaport
22		Weihai CIQ	Weihai Port	Seaport
23		Rongcheng CIQ	Shidao Port of Rongcheng	Seaport Seaport
24		Qingdao CIQ	Qingdao Airport	Airport
25		Airport Office of Weihai CIQ	Weihai Airport	Airport
26		Airport Office of Yantai CIQ	Yantai Airport	Airport
27		Guangdong CIQ	Guangzhou Airport CIQ	Guangzhou Baiyun Airport
28	Shantou CIQ		Jieyang Chaoshan Airport	Airport
29	Shunde CIQ		Foshan Shunde Dongcun Airport	Land route
30	Zhejiang CIQ	Zhoushan CIQ	Zhoushan Port (Bonded area)	Seaport
31		Hangzhou Airport CIQ	Xiaoshan International Airport	Airport
32		Wenzhou CIQ	Longwan International Airport	Airport
33	Chongqing CIQ	Chongqing Airport CIQ	Jiangbei International Airport	Airport
34	Beijing CIQ	Airport CIQ	Capital Airport	Airport
35	Jiangsu CIQ	Nanjing CIQ	Nanjing Lukou International Airport	Airport
36		Suzhou CIQ	Suzhou Gaoxin Bonded Area	Land port
37		Xuzhou CIQ	Xuzhou Guanyin International Airport	Airport
38	Sichuan CIQ	Chengdu CIQ	Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport	Airport
39	Yunnan CIQ	Wanding Office of Ruili CIQ	Wanding Port	Land route
40		Hekou CIQ	Hekou Port	Land route
41		Wenshan CIQ	Tianbao Port	Land route
42	Henan CIQ	Zhenzhou Airport Office	Zhengzhou Airport	Airport
43	Tianjin CIQ	Airport CIQ	Tianjin Airport	Airport

Serial No	CIQ under AQSIQ	CIQ, or CIQ Office at Port	Port name	Port type (sea port, river port, airport, land route, etc)
44		Dongjiang CIQ	Tianjin Dongjian Bonded Area Port	Seaport
45	Shaanxi CIQ	Xianyang Airport CIQ of Xi-an	Xianyang Airport	Airport
46	Hunan CIQ	Changsha Airport Office	Changsha Huanghua International Airport	Airport
47	Jilin CIQ	Hunchun CIQ	Hunchun Port	Land route
48			Quanhe Port	Land route
49		Tumen Office	Tumen Highway Port	Land route
50	Heilongjiang CIQ	Heilongjiang CIQ	Haerbin Taiping International Airport	Airport
51		Tongjian CIQ	Tongjiang Port	River port
52		Suifen River CIQ	Suifen River Port	River port
53		Fuyuan CIQ	Fuyuan Port	River port
54		Raohe River CIQ	Raohe River Port	River port
55	Guangxi CIQ	Shuikou CIQ	Shuikou Port	Land route
56		Pinxiang CIQ	Youyiguan Port	Land route
57		Dongxing CIQ	Dongxing Port	River port
58	Xinjiang CIQ	Kashi CIQ	Kashi Airport	Airport
59		Jimunai CIQ	Jimunai Port	Land route
60	Ningbo CIQ	Airport Office of Ningbo CIQ	Ningbo Airport	Airport
61	Hubei CIQ	Airport Office of Hubei CIQ	Wuhan Airport	Airport
62	Anhui CIQ	Hefei Airport CIQ	Hefei Airport	Airport

The number of boxes of aquatic animals inspected on entry for purposes of breeding, aquaculture and aquarium are as follows:

- If there are less than 10 pieces/boxes in one consignment, all boxes shall be opened
- If there are 10 or more than 10 pieces/boxes in one consignment, two more boxes shall be opened for an increase of every 10 pieces/boxes. The maximum number of pieces/boxes to be opened will not exceed 20

The number of boxes to be opened of aquatic animals on entry for food purposes will not be higher than 10 per cent, and will not be lower than three pieces per box. If any issues are found, the proportion of the boxes to be opened for inspection may be increased.

Aquatic animals on entry for the purposes of breeding, aquaculture and aquarium shall be quarantined at designated quarantine sites for at least 14 days. If the quarantine meets the requirements, a

Certificate of Entry Goods Inspection and Quarantine will be issued. If not, the *Notification of Inspection and Quarantine Treatment* will be issued, with the quarantined animals destroyed.

Legal liabilities

Violation of relevant requirements may lead to the following consequences:

- Aquatic animals may be destroyed
- Sanitary treatments may be conducted
- Recalls protocols may be applied
- A fine of up to RMB 50,000 yuan may be issued
- Illegal matters will be prosecuted in accordance with relevant laws.

Resources

AQSIQ 2011, *Decree 135 –Administrative Measures of Inspection, Quarantine and Supervision on Import and Export Aquatic Products*,

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<http://www.aqsiq.gov.cn/xxgk_13386/jlgg_12538/zjl/2016/201607/t20160729_471140.htm>

Appendix 1: Import tariffs in China for major Australian seafood products

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China Customs is responsible for collecting import tariffs for import goods at the port of entry. Below are the rates of import tariffs for major Australian seafood products: Abalone, Lobster, Eel, frozen Prawns, Salmon, Trout and Tuna. Most tariffs for major seafood types ranged from 0 to 4.8% in 2017. The tariff rates for all major seafood products will be zero in 2019. See Table 1.

Table 1: China's Import Tariffs for Major Australian Seafood Products

Category	HS (2012) code	Description	Import tariff rate in China (%)		
			In 2017	In 2018	In 2019
Abalone	03078190	Abalone, live, fresh or chilled, excluding those for aquaculture	5.6	2.8	0
	03078900	Abalone, whether or not frozen, dried, smoked, salted or in brine (including those salted or in brine in can, not from South Africa)	4	2	0
	16055700	Abalone, prepared or preserved (including the canned Abalone)	0		
Lobster	03061100	Rocklobster and other sea Crawfish (<i>Palinurus</i> spp., <i>Panulirus</i> spp. and <i>Jasus</i> spp.), frozen.	4	2	0
	03062190	Rocklobster and other sea Crawfish (<i>Palinurus</i> spp., <i>Panulirus</i> spp. and <i>Jasus</i> spp.), not frozen (including live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine), excluding those for aquaculture	6	3	0
	03062290	Unfrozen lobsters (<i>Homarus</i> spp.), whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine, excluding those for aquaculture	6	3	0
Eel	03019290	Live eels, excl. fry	4	2	0

	03032600	Frozen eels (<i>Anguilla</i> spp.) (excl. fillets and other meat of HS 0304 and livers and roes)	4.8	2.4	0
Frozen Prawn	03061611 (Under 030616)	Frozen shelled cold-water shrimps	3.2	1.6	0
	03061612 (Under 030616)	Frozen northern pandalus	0		
	03061619 (Under 030616)	Frozen other cold-water shrimps	0		
	03061621 (Under 030616)	Frozen shelled cold-water prawns	3.2	1.6	0
	03061629 (Under 030616)	Frozen other cold-water prawns	0		
	03061711 (under 030617)	Frozen shelled shrimps	3.2	1.6	0
	03061719 (under 030617)	Frozen other shrimps	0		
	03061721 (under 030617)	Frozen shelled prawns	3.2	1.6	0
	03061729 (under 030617)	Frozen other prawns	0		
	Salmon & Trout etc	03021410	Fresh or chilled Atlantic Salmon, excluding Fillets and other meat of 0304	4	2
03031300		Frozen Atlantic Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) and Danube Salmon (<i>Hucho hucho</i>), excluding fillets and Other meat of 0304	4	2	0
03044100		Fillets of Atlantic Salmon and Danube Salmon, fresh or chilled	4.8	2.4	0
03048100		Fillets of Atlantic Salmon and Danube Salmon, frozen	4	2	0
03021300		Pacific salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus keta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus</i>)	4	2	0

		<i>tschawytscha</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus</i> <i>masou</i> and <i>Oncorhynchus rhodurus</i>) fresh or chilled, excluding Fillets and other meat of 0304			
	03021900	Salmonidae (excl. Trout, Pacific Salmon, Atlantic Salmon, Danube Salmon, fish fillets, other fish meat of HS 0304, livers & roes) fresh or chilled	4.8	2.4	0
	03031900	Frozen salmonidae (excl. sockeye Salmon (Red Salmon); Pacific Salmon; Atlantic Salmon, excl. fillets, other meats of HS 0304)	4	2	0
	03031400	Frozen Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus aguabonita</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gilae</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> and <i>Oncorhynchus chrysogaster</i>)excluding fillets and Other meat of 0304	4.8	2.4	0
Tuna	03023600	Fresh or chilled Southern Bluefin Tuna, excl. fillets and other meat of 0304	4.8	2.4	0
	03034600	Frozen Southern Bluefin Tuna (<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>), excl. fillets and other meat of 0304.	4.8	2.4	0
	03048700	Frozen fillets of Tunas, skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito	4	2	0