

An update on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) issues for export of Pakistan's agricultural products to China

| Category | Situation | Next Step |
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| <i>Protocols have been Achieved</i> | | |
| Export of Citrus and Mango | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A team of Auditors from AQSIQ visited Pakistan in May-June, 2016. The experts visited 9 citrus Cold Treatment Plants (CTP) and 18 mango Hot Water Treatment (HWT) Plants. After necessary inspection, 5 citrus CTP and 3 mango HWT facilities qualified Chinese requirements were approved and remaining companies suggested modification by the experts. The report was forwarded to DPP on 6th August, 2016 for necessary corrective measures. ● According to the expert's advice DDP sent its feedback after necessary modification on 3rd December 2016. The said material was evaluated by AQSIQ and after the necessary evaluation accorded the approval of 9 citrus Cold Treatment Plants and 18 Mango HWT plant in August 2017. In total 21 Citrus Cold Treatment Plant and 25 Mango Hot Water Treatment plan are approved. | <p>2nd Phase new registration of companies to achieve in total 21 Citrus Cold Treatment Plant and 25 Mango Hot Water Treatment plan in August 2017.</p> |
| Rice | <p>In the first phase, the AQSIQ considered registration of 33 rice exporting companies. Now the next lot of Phase-2 will be considered in due course of time. This office has contacted AQSIQ to initiate the process of 2nd phase and AQSIQ agreed to register more 10 to 15 companies, DPP replied 10 companies list, list has been transferred to China Customs and approved 4 more companies after evaluation by 29th May, 2020. Later, 7 more companies has been approved on 26th August, 2020, and 7 more companies has been added on 1st July 2021 thus, total registration companies has been achieved 53 companies.</p> | <p>2nd Phase new registration of companies to achieve 53 companies until July 2021.</p> |
| Rapeseed Meal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2014 made application with GACC ● 2016 GACC sent experts to Pakistan ● 2017 approved registration of 15 facilities ● The AQSIQ suggested slight changes/modification in the draft protocol and the same has been forwarded to DPP on 20th January, 2017. | <p>Signed in 2019</p> |

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| Forage/Rhodes Grass | Quarantine application has been submitted in April 2020 and Technical Questionnaire preparation is underway with DPP. Draft Protocol shared by GACC in December 2021 and forwarded to DPP. | Signed in June 2022. |
| Milk Buffalo Genetic Resources | Application letter of FMD Free Zone of Buffalo has been forwarded to GACC. Meanwhile 25 th August, 2021, GACC started the process of cooperation agreement of Buffalo embryo under the cooperation based on Royal Group. | Signed in June 2022. |
| Onion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In November 2021, protocol of onion has been signed ● Further company registration procedure has been shared with DPP. | Signed in Nov 2021 |
| Cherry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding Cherry, application was submitted to AQSIQ in September 2016. ● The evaluation of documents are done. Further feedback and analysis request from China side, all documents have already been sent to DPP. China side would like to get invitation letter for 3 experts this year and reply about further documents. Experts already visited Pakistan for on spot research June, 2019. ● After visit of Pakistan, more technical documents were required by GACC and DPP provided it in Jan 2021 which have been forwarded to GACC. April 2022, Cherry draft protocol has been shared by GACC and forwarded to DPP and time to get sign between bilateral side is awaited. | Signed in Nov 2022 |
| Pakistan Single Window | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trade facilitation cooperation through online system between two countries | Signed in Nov 2022 |
| Cooked Beef | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cooked beef started procedure on 15th September, 2022. And online registration procedure has been under progress. 2023 protocol has been shared and get signed. ● Video inspection and online registration is under process. | Signed in June 2023 |
| Dry Chili | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Mission received the imported requirements from local buyers for Pakistan dry chili products. | Signed in August 2023 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questionnaire was sent to DPP on 28th August 2021 and provide feedback already. ● GACC provided draft protocol early February. ● GACC requested relevant company information and technical materials. 31st October, had video inspection of first chili company in Pakistan. | |
| Donkey Hides | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● After signing protocol, GACC requested to provide sample certificates that meet the requirements of the Protocol ● The second is to provide a list of production and processing enterprises and slaughterhouses. | Signed in Oct 2023. |
| Dairy products | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questionnaire was sent to DPP on 27th August 2020, DPP replied on 25th Feb, 2021 and forwarded to GACC. ● In March 2022, GACC gave reply and requested supplementary technical documents from DPP and informed that camel powder milk questionnaire could be provided along with diary products for further procedure. ● Supplementary technical documents of both products have been provided, GACC provided reply on 20th December 2022 and requested further technical documents from Pakistan. ● Pakistan replied the updated information early 2023 and transferred to GACC on 10th January 2023. | Signed in Oct 2023. |
| <i>Protocols Under Process</i> | | |
| Chinese Medicine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Received protocol from GACC in July 2023 and forwarded to Pakistan side for feedback. | Reply is still awaited |
| Bovine Gallstones | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Mission received Chinese demand on 13th October 2022 from Chinese medicine group for importing. ● The Mission sent application note to GACC on 14th October, 2022. | Official application letter from relevant department in Pakistan is awaited for further procedure informed by GACC. |

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| <p>Fruits</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Banana, Strawberry, Date Palm, Guava, Muskmelon application already shared with GACC and priority category should be made in sequence for finishing the procedure. ● GACC provide official letter to make further fruit categories for Pakistan on 17th February. ● Questionnaires and technical documents guidance have been shared with Pakistan side. | <p>Pakistan MNFSR / DPP should provide relevant categories questionnaires and technical documents.</p> |
| <p>Meat and Meat Products</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FMD Free Zone agreement has been signed between two countries. ● Technical documents for FMD Free Zone establishment is required. ● Poultry questionnaire should be provided by Pakistan side for further action to lift the ban. GACC is waiting for connecting person from Pakistan side about bird flue disease matter. | <p>Technical documents should be provided to GACC of FMD Free Zone.</p> |
| <p>Potato</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On 4th Jan, 2021, TDAP requested to export potato again, the Mission requested GACC sent questionnaire on 11th Jan, 2021 which has been forwarded to DPP / TDAP. | <p>GACC feedback awaited</p> |