Frequently Asked Questions

1. How often does AMS intend to provide proposed updates to the GACC facility list for U.S. feed additives, premixes and compound feed to the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China (GACC)?
   AMS will be submitting proposed updates to the GACC facility list to China on a quarterly basis. For exact due dates and submission deadlines, see [AMS’s website](#).

2. If AMS is submitting updates to GACC quarterly, by when do I need to submit my “New Facility Application” and/or “Update Facility Application Form” and documentation to AMS?
   AMS will be accepting forms on a rolling-basis. For exact due dates and submission deadlines, see [AMS’s website](#).

3. Does an animal food facility wishing to export Feed Additives/Premixes, Compound Feed, Natural Mineral Feed, Mixed Feed Raw Materials and/or Single-Cell Protein Feed to China have to complete the AMS “New Facility” form in order to be included on the GACC facility list?
   Yes.

4. How often does an animal food facility have to request to be included on the GACC facility list for U.S. Feed Additives/Premixes, Compound Feed, Natural Mineral Feed, Mixed Feed Raw Materials and/or Single-Cell Protein Feed for export to China?
   Facilities will only need to request to be placed on the GACC facility list once. To remain in good standing on the list when AMS submits updates to GACC, the facility must maintain its registration in the Food and Drug Administration’s United Registration and Listing Systems (FURLS) Food Facility Registration Module (FFRM) on FDA’s facility registration biennial cycle. Food facility registration with FDA must be renewed on even numbered years. For information on FDA’s food facility registration process, see [FDA Registration of Food Facilities and Other Submissions](#).

5. I have multiple facilities. Can I submit a form for more than one facility?
   Yes, follow the instructions provided in the facility registration spreadsheet.

6. I would like to export multiple products from my facility. Can I include multiple products on my form?
   Yes, follow the instructions provided in the facility registration spreadsheet.

7. How do I know if my facility is already on the Feed Additives/Premix, Compound Feed, Natural Mineral Feed and/or Single-Cell Protein Feed list?
   GACC’s current lists can be found at the following links:
   - [Feed Additive/Premix](#)
   - [Compound Feed](#)
   - [Natural Mineral Feed](#)
   - [Mixed Feed Raw Materials](#)
   - [Single-Cell Protein Feed](#)

8. My facility is already on one of GAAC’s lists for U.S. feed additives/premix, compound feed, natural mineral feed or single-cell protein feed and I want to export a NEW PRODUCT from this facility. How do I get the new product added to my facility’s listing on GACC’s list?
Register your new product with China’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) and obtain a MARA product license (see example in APPENDIX 1: EXAMPLE MARA PRODUCT LICENSE) or obtain a “notice of product registration exemption” (see example in APPENDIX 2: EXAMPLE NOTICE OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION EXEMPTION).

Complete the facility registration spreadsheet and follow instructions for submission to AMS.

9. My facility is already on one of GACC’s lists for U.S. Feed Additives/Premix, Compound Feed, Natural Mineral Feed, Mixed Feed Raw Materials or Single-Cell Protein Feed, but my company information has changed (i.e. company name, address, etc.). How do I get my facility’s listing updated to reflect these changes?
   Modify your MARA product license appropriately with the updated information, then complete the facility registration spreadsheet and follow instructions for submission to AMS.

10. My facility is already on one of GACC’s lists for U.S. Feed Additives/Premix, Compound Feed, Natural Mineral Feed, Mixed Feed Raw Materials or Single-Cell Protein Feed, but the product information has changed (i.e. product name, etc.). How do I get my facility’s listing updated to reflect these changes?
   Modify your MARA product license appropriately with the updated information, then complete the facility registration spreadsheet and follow instructions for submission to AMS.

11. Can I use a facility name or a corporate address for inclusion on the GACC facility list that is different from the facility name or facility address that is listed in my FDA food facility registration?
   No. The data submitted for an animal food facility (facility name, street address, city, state, and zip code) should match the data in your FDA food facility registration. AMS will work with FDA to verify the data you provide for the GACC facility list against data that we maintain in our FURLS database. To be placed on the GACC facility list, the data you submit must match what is in your FDA food facility registration.

12. My company’s product is registered with MARA, but we contract the manufacturing of the product out to a facility that is not our own. Can I submit the form to register the facility on behalf of another company?
   Complete the Facility Registration Spreadsheet, obtain a letter from the company operating the facility granting your company permission to submit the form on their behalf (see example in APPENDIX 3: EXAMPLE TOLL MILLING PERMISSION LETTER) and follow instructions for submission to AMS.

13. Do I have to register my animal feed additive, premix, or compound feed product with China’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) as a prerequisite for import into China?
    China maintains product registration and licensing requirements for animal feed additives, premix, and compound feeds that are separate from its GACC facility registration requirements. Completion of these product registration requirements is often a prerequisite for import into China, regardless of a facility’s GACC registration status. Manufacturers and exporters are responsible for ensuring that MARA issues any product registrations or product-registration waivers that are necessary for animal feed additives, premixes, and compound feed products produced at U.S. facilities to be imported into China.

14. Do I have to complete the MARA product registration process before requesting placement on the GACC facility list?
Completing the MARA product registration process is a prerequisite for placement on one of GACC’s facility lists. Therefore, AMS is asking that facilities complete the MARA product registration process and obtain the MARA product license or obtain a notice of product registration exemption from MARA before requesting placement on the GACC facility list. To be placed on the GACC facility list, the facility should have at least one product that has either a MARA product license or a notice of product registration exemption.

**15. Do I need to send any MARA documentation to AMS when requesting to be placed on the GACC facility list?**

Yes. AMS is asking for copies of MARA product licenses (see example in **APPENDIX 1: EXAMPLE MARA PRODUCT LICENSE**) or MARA notice of product registration exemption (see example in **APPENDIX 2: EXAMPLE NOTICE OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION EXEMPTION**) for each product the facility is wishing to export to China.

**16. Where can I find additional information on product registration with MARA?**

Product registration materials may be found on [MARA’s website](#).

**17. Can a U.S. government agency, such as USDA or FDA, help me with the MARA registration process?**

No. Currently, there are no U.S. government agencies that can assist with this process. Your company must contact MARA if you have questions about their registration process. Product registration materials may be found on [MARA’s website](#).

**18. Can I request that AMS add my manufacturing facility that produces dried distillers' grains (DDG) or dried distillers’ grains with solubles (DDGS) to the GACC facility list?**

No, the facility list that AMS sends to GACC will contain only those facilities that manufacture non-animal-based animal feed additives, premixes, and/or compound feed. Manufacturers of DDG and DDGS need to utilize a different process. Companies interested in exporting DDG or DDGS to China should contact USDA’s Export Verification Program at [EV.Export@usda.gov](mailto:EV.Export@usda.gov).

**19. Can I request that AMS add my manufacturing facility that produces animal-based pet food or non-ruminant derived feed/feed ingredients/fats to the GACC facility list?**

No, the facility list that AMS sends to GACC will contain only those facilities that manufacture non-animal-based animal feed additives, premixes, and/or compound feed. Manufacturers of pet food and non-ruminant derived feed ingredients should visit the [APHIS International Regulations (IRegs) for Animal Product Exports website for China](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/regs) and review the information provided. You also may contact your [local VS Field Office](#) for more information.
APPENDIX 1: EXAMPLE MARA PRODUCT LICENSE

进口登记证
REGISTERED LICENSE

申请人: 假公司
Manufacturer: Fake Company

生产厂名及地址: 假公司, 2345 N 12th Street, 芝加哥, WI 60007, 美国
Manufacturer & Address: Fake Company, 2345 N 12th Street, Chicago, WI 60007, USA

品名: 酵母菌
Trade Name: Yeast Culture

通用名称: 酵母菌
Common Name: Yeast Culture

感官指标: 肉桂味粉末
Sensory Index: Cinnamon Powder

理化指标:
Physicochemical Index:

有效日期: 自 2002 年 11 月至 2020 年 11 月
Valid: from Nov. 2002 to Nov. 2020

SAMPLE
APPENDIX 2: EXAMPLE NOTICE OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION EXEMPTION

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<tr>
<th>Project Name</th>
<th>产品名称</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Status:</strong></td>
<td>Rejected</td>
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**Explanation:** According to the “Regulations on the Administration of Feeding and Feed Additives” product “X” is not subject to the scope of import registration.
APPENDIX 3: EXAMPLE TOLL MILLING PERMISSION LETTER

Insert Letterhead Here

Date

I, NAME, TITLE, for FACILITY COMPANY grant permission to APPLICANT COMPANY to submit a feed additive/premix/compound feed China facility registration application to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and for the AMS to share with the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China the name and address of the FDA registered animal food manufacturing facility(ies) I have designated below to facilitate access to the Chinese feed additive, premix, and compound feed market.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Product Name</th>
<th>MARA Product Status</th>
<th>Establishment Facility’s Legal Name</th>
<th>Street Address</th>
<th>City</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Zip Code</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ABC Product</td>
<td>EXAMPLE: The product produced at the specified facility has undergone review and has official MARA product registration (or is exempt from MARA registration).</td>
<td>COMPANY NAME</td>
<td>1234 White Stm</td>
<td>San Diego</td>
<td>CA</td>
<td>12345/67891</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Sincerely:

NAME
TITLE
FACILITY COMPANY