



## Changes to Chinese Competent Authority issuing certificates

It is important all importers ensure their suppliers are producing the new Certificates of Origin and Fumigation.

### Certificates of origin

The China – Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) came into action 20 December 2015. Now the Chinese government has changed the authority that is in charge of issuing official government certification.

Since 21 August 2018, all entry-exit inspection and quarantine duties are managed by the General Administration of Customs of the People's republic of China (GACC). The former General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) is now been suspended. As a result, certificates and stamps have changed.

- The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources states that:
- Certificates issued up to 20 August 2018 should be issued by AQSIQ (CIQ logo)
- Certificates issued from 21 August 2018 should be issued by GACC
- If CIQ certificates are dated after 20 August 2018 they should be referred to the department as potentially fraudulent
- The security features have not changed
- GACC logo, letterhead and stamps will replace the AQSIQ/CIQ logo, letterhead and stamps



After the change of authorities, two issuing authorities remain for ChAFTA CoOs (Certificates of Origin) in China; the General Administration of Customs of the People's republic of China (GACC) and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade.

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## Certificates of Fumigation

From 21 August 2018, a new Chinese government authority will issue official government certification.

The entry-exit inspection and quarantine duties of the People's Republic of China are currently managed by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ). From 21 August 2018, these duties will be integrated into the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC). As a result, the GACC will start to use new certificates and new stamps.

Inspection and quarantine certificates and stamps with the CIQ logo and current security features issued prior to 21 August 2018 will remain valid. During the coming weeks, certificates in both the old and the new format may be presented. It is important to determine the date the certificate was issued and report any authenticity issues identified through this changeover to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

The scope of the change extends to all government certificates as required by the import conditions, including health, veterinary, fumigation and phytosanitary certificates. The security features associated with Chinese government certificates remain unchanged.

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