



Market Access – July 2017

China Certificate Update

China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) has announced it will require food importers to provide, at the port of entry, an official certificate for the shipment issued by the competent authorities of the exporting country (region), certifying that food intended to export to China complies with the requirements of Chinese laws, regulations and standards. This change was notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in June 2017, [G/TBT/N/CHN/1209](#) including a 4 page document outlining "*Measures for the Administration of Certificates Attached to Foods Exported to China*". This outlined the proposed changes including the implementation timelines (identified by AQSIQ as 1 October 2017). An English translation of the document has been reviewed by WFA in conjunction with AGWA

WFA has expressed its concerns to the Australian government that this measure has the potential to cause significant barriers to trade for wine exports to China. The Australian Government through Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) are developing a consolidated response (noting the issue cuts across a range of products including wine) to addressing China's request. The Department had developed a submission, which explains Australia's regulation, and systems that are in place for food production.

Whilst the Government is confident of a positive outcome, WFA will provide government with comments addressing industries concerns and will seek to lodge these concerns independently through WTO if additional action is required.

WFA continues to work on maintain market access and removing trade barriers in China to ensure Australian wine continues maintain and expand on its dominant market position.

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