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# Part 1

## Interpretation of the New Customs Policy

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# Introduction to new functions of single window

## Auxiliary input function of import and export commodity declaration elements

- In the trial operation stage, the General Administration of Customs has realized auxiliary functions for commodities in chapters 1-11 of the tariff. When enterprises fill in the report, they only need to select suitable items in the pop-up drop-down menu box, so as to avoid from missing a certain element when reporting. At the same time, the system entry interface retains the declaration elements of the actual situation of goods entered by the original declaration method.

## Permit for import and export of narcotic drugs In single window, the above permit can be applied online

- Login authorization is required when using: if there is an existing SFDA system account, you can directly log in for authorization and bind it with the original account password
- Single window standard version application-license-narcotic drug import and export permit

## Imprint

- System function adjustment will be open and transparent
- You can view it in "Single Window Standard Edition Application-Goods Declaration-Version Description"

New function 1

New function 2

New function 3

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New function 4

## Information system of pre-shipment inspection, supervision and management of imported used mechanical and electrical products

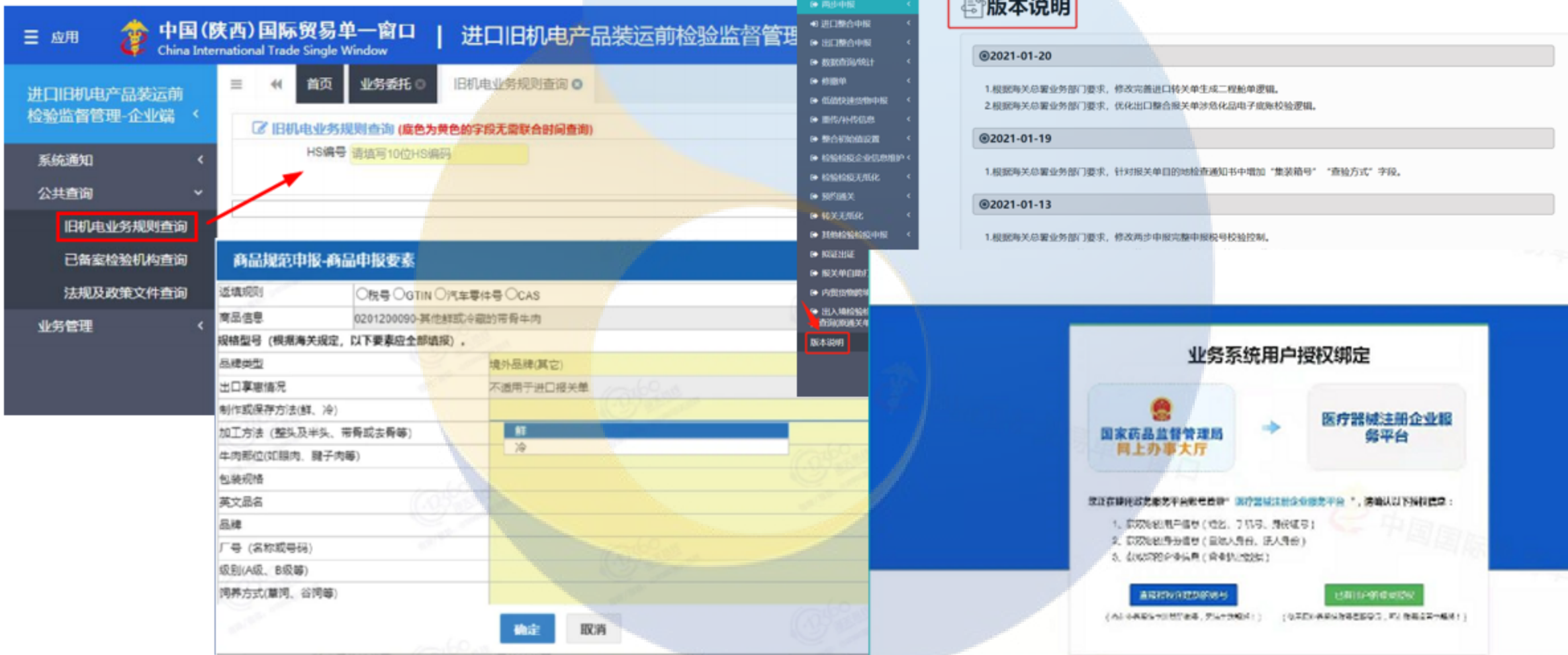
- The consignee or consignor of imported used mechanical and electrical products or their agents and pre-shipment inspection institutions shall carry out pre-shipment inspection and record management related work through this system.
- Single window login-application of standard version-inspection and quarantine-inspection supervision and management of imported used mechanical and electrical products before shipment.

## Registration certificate of imported medical devices

- The first and second points are the same as the Permit for Import and Export of Narcotic Drugs
- Single window standard version application-license-record/registration of imported medical devices

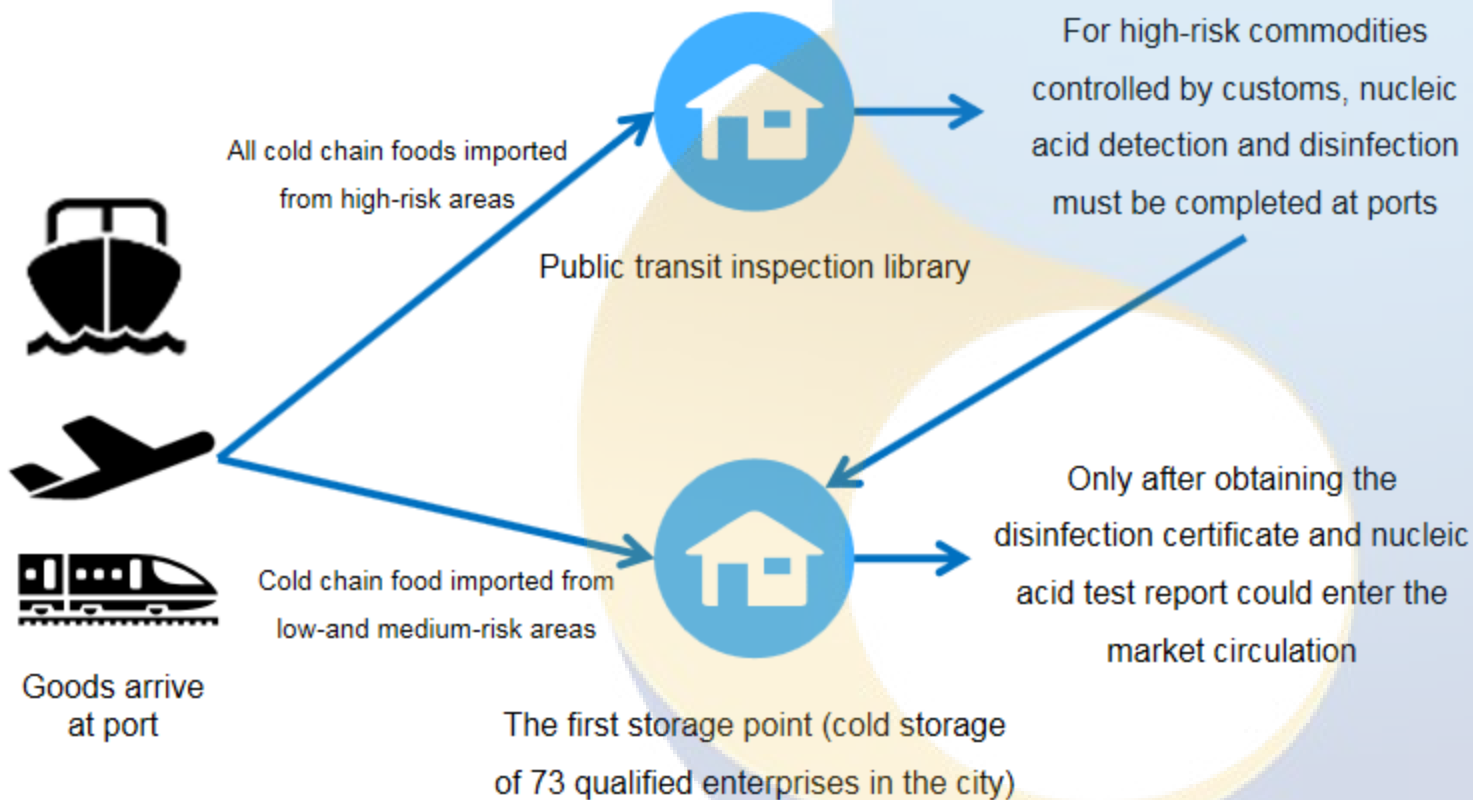
# Introduction to new functions of single window

Function screenshot:



The screenshot displays the 'China International Trade Single Window' interface. The main window is titled '进口旧机电产品装运前检验监督管理-企业端' (Import of Used Machinery Products Pre-shipment Inspection Supervision Management - Enterprise End). A sidebar on the left contains navigation options, with '旧机电业务规则查询' (Old Machinery Business Rule Query) highlighted in a red box. A red arrow points from this sidebar item to the main content area, which shows a search form for '旧机电业务规则查询' (Old Machinery Business Rule Query). The form includes a field for 'HS编号' (HS Number) with a note: '请填写10位HS编码' (Please enter 10-digit HS code). Below the form is a table for '商品规范申报-商品申报要素' (Goods Specification Declaration - Goods Declaration Elements). The table has columns for '规格型号' (Specification Model) and '申报要素' (Declaration Elements). The '规格型号' column contains '0201200090-其他鲜或冷藏的带骨牛肉' (0201200090-Other fresh or chilled bone-in beef). The '申报要素' column contains '境外品牌(其它)' (Foreign brand (other)), '不适用于进口报关单' (Not applicable for import declaration), '鲜' (Fresh), and '冷' (Cold). A '版本说明' (Version Statement) pop-up window is overlaid on the right side of the interface, listing updates for three dates: 2021-01-20, 2021-01-19, and 2021-01-13. The '版本说明' pop-up is also highlighted with a red box. In the bottom right corner, there is a separate window titled '业务系统用户授权绑定' (Business System User Authorization Binding), which shows a flow from '国家药品监督管理局 网上办事大厅' (National Drug Administration Online Service Hall) to '医疗器械注册企业服务平台' (Medical Device Registration Enterprise Service Platform). Below this flow, there are instructions and a list of steps for authorization.

# Precautions for import disinfection of cold chain/non-cold chain commodities



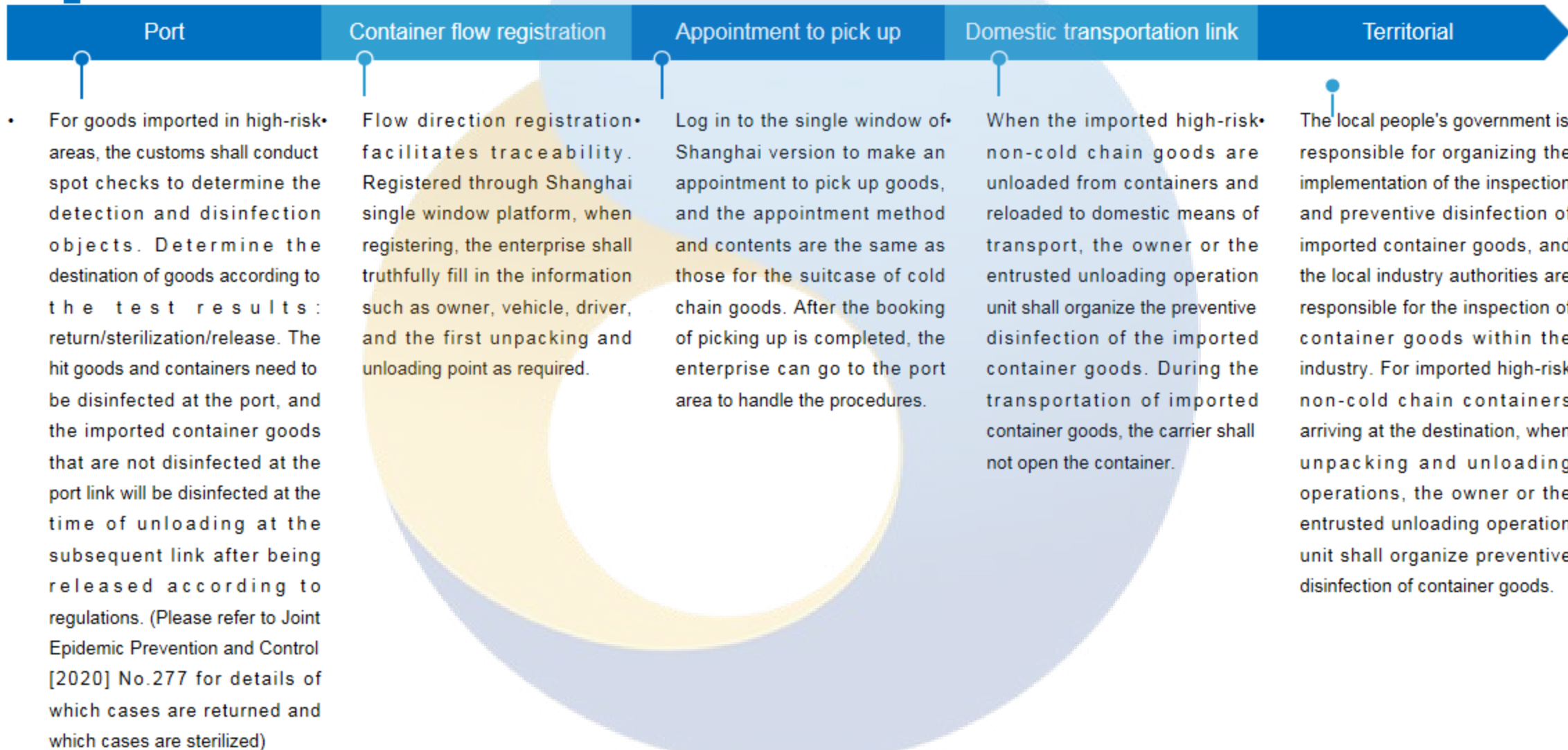
## Matters needing attention:

- In order to effectively prevent the input risk of imported cold chain food from COVID-19 epidemic, before picking up the goods in the port area, the enterprise should make an appointment in front of the "first storage point" cold storage to be entered, and only when the cold storage confirms the reservation information can it pick up the goods in the port area. Please refer to Annex [2021] No.10 of Shanghai Pneumonia Prevention and Control Office for details of cold storage reservation process.

## Laws and regulations:

- Joint prevention and control mechanism [2020] No.255
- Shanghai Pneumonia Prevention and Control Office [2021] No.10

## Precautions for import disinfection of cold chain/non-cold chain commodities



# Part 2

## Reminder on Customs Annual Report

- Annual report of enterprise customs
- Annual report on the use of duty-free goods



# Annual report of enterprise customs



## Annual report object

Customs declaration units registered or filed with the Customs (consignors and consignors of import and export goods, customs declaration enterprises, including individual industrial and commercial households and farmers' professional cooperatives).



## Submitted content

On the basis of the existing annual report information submitted to the market supervision department, the contents of the annual report are added with English names, English addresses, customs officials, customs business contacts and other customs annual report items.



## Submission time

From January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. If it is not submitted within the specified time, the enterprise can log in to the "single window" of China's international trade (<https://www.singlewindow.cn>) for supplementary declaration.



## Submission process

Enter the website address of <http://www.gsxt.gov.cn>, enter the homepage of "Publicity System", click the icon of "Fill in Enterprise Information"-select the province where the enterprise is located-Fill in the information and log in to the declaration system-Fill in the annual report-Fill in and save the information item by item-then click "Submit and publicize", and then click "OK" to complete the filling.

# Annual report of enterprise customs

## Questions

## Answers

1. How to inquire after the successful submission of the enterprise?

The newly added customs annual report items will not be publicized to the public, and the annual report information submitted by enterprises will be pushed and shared by the State Administration of Market Supervision to the General Administration of Customs. Enterprises that have completed the annual report can check the status of the annual report of the enterprise through the "China Customs Enterprise Import and Export Credit Information Publicity Platform" ([credit.customs.gov.cn](http://credit.customs.gov.cn)) 7 days after the completion of the submission.

2. How to solve the problem if "not published" is found in the inquiry after the annual report is published?

As long as the enterprise confirms that the annual report has been submitted, it can be not worry about the status. Enterprises that still show "not submitted" after June 30th can make supplementary report through the function of "single window" annual report of China's international trade. Prior to this, it will not affect the normal handling of customs business by enterprises.

3. If the annual report is not submitted within the specified time, will the enterprise be punished?

Enterprises that fail to submit customs annual reports according to regulations shall be listed in the list of enterprises with abnormal credit information by the customs and publicized to the public. During the period of being listed in the list of enterprises with abnormal credit information, the credit rating of enterprises shall not be adjusted upwards.

4. Is there a charge for submitting the annual report?

The annual report does not charge any fees, as long as the fees are deceptive.

# Annual report on the use of duty-free goods



## Latest Customs Decree


Decree No. 245 of the General Administration of Customs (Order on the Announcement of the Measures of the Customs of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Tax Reduction and Exemption of Import and Export Goods)

## Revision Significance

In order to regulate the administration of tax reduction and exemption of import and export goods, safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of administrative counterparts and optimize the business environment, these Measures are formulated in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Law of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Customs Law"), the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Import and Export Tariffs and other relevant laws and administrative regulations.

## Effective Date

Decree No.245 of the General Administration of Customs has been implemented since 2021-03-01



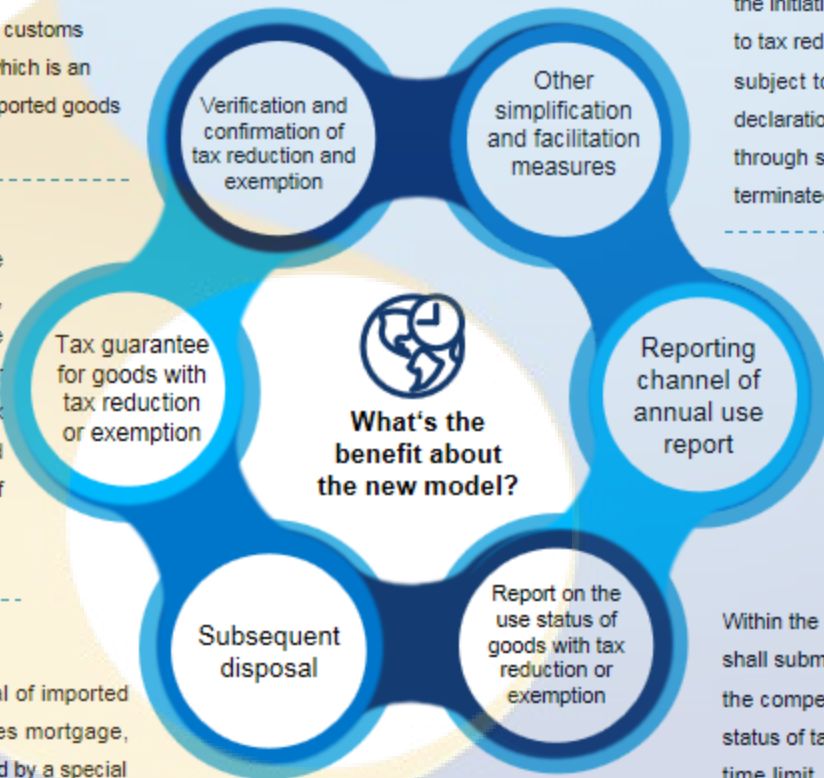
The former Measures of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Tax Reduction and Exemption of Import and Export Goods (Order No.179 of the General Administration of Customs) promulgated by the General Administration of Customs on December 29, 2008 shall be repealed simultaneously.

# Annual report on the use of duty-free goods

The "tax reduction and exemption filing" and "tax reduction and exemption approval" are combined into one chapter "tax reduction and exemption verification". The tax reduction and exemption filing process will be eliminated and the tax reduction and exemption management business process will be further streamlined. It reflects that the customs handles the formalities of tax reduction and exemption for imported goods, which is an examination and confirmation of the subject qualification and whether the imported goods conform to the relevant preferential tax policies of the state.

It is clear that if the competent customs accepts the tax guarantee application of the tax reduction or exemption applicant and approves the guarantee after examination, the competent customs directly informs the customs at the declaration place to handle the relevant formalities of tax guarantee for imported goods, and the tax reduction or exemption applicant only needs to apply to the competent customs once; The tax reduction or exemption applicant can provide tax guarantee with the property and rights recognized by the customs according to law, without providing the Guarantee of Mortgage Commitment for Import Tax Reduction or Exemption Goods jointly issued by the tax reduction or exemption applicant and financial institutions.

Revise the wording of some clauses. The subsequent disposal of imported goods subject to tax reduction and exemption mainly includes mortgage, transfer and other uses of loans. The Measures shall be regulated by a special chapter. At the same time, in order to implement the legislative spirit of "making the best use of everything" embodied in the Civil Code.



For the situation that the tax guarantee period needs to be extended due to reasons other than the tax reduction or exemption applicant, the competent customs can take the initiative to extend the period without the enterprise applying; If the goods subject to tax reduction or exemption need to be carried forward, the applicant for the goods subject to tax reduction or exemption need not go through the import and export declaration formalities; In addition to early deregulation, enterprises do not need to go through special deregulation procedures for goods with tax reduction or exemption terminated under regulatory circumstances.

Log in to the single window standard version application-goods declaration-follow-up of tax reduction and exemption-annual report management application, and fill in the contents and situation of enterprise self-inspection truthfully.

Within the period of customs supervision, the applicant for tax reduction or exemption shall submit a Report on the Usage Status of Tax Reduction or Exemption Goods to the competent customs on or before June 30th of each year, and report the usage status of tax reduction or exemption goods. If it is not submitted within the prescribed time limit, the customs shall include it in the abnormal list of credit information in accordance with relevant regulations.

Part **3**

## Summary and Analysis of Inspection and Quarantine Policies

- Analysis of the new CIQ policies in January and February

# Summary and Analysis of Inspection and Quarantine Policies

Category	Announcement No.	Comments
Animal and Plant Products Access	General Administration of Customs, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Announcement No.2, 2021	Announcement on preventing the introduction of highly pathogenic avian influenza from France into China. Since January 5, 2021, it is forbidden to import poultry and related products directly or indirectly from France, including products from poultry that are unprocessed or processed but may still spread epidemics. Once discovered, it will be returned or destroyed.
	Announcement No.134 of 2020 of the General Administration of Customs	Announcement on quarantine requirements for imported Vietnamese Mesona chinensis. From December 28th, 2020, Vietnam will be allowed to import qualified Mesona chinensis. The allowed Mesona chinensis Benth refers to the stems and leaves of dried Mesona chinensis Benth for processing planted and produced in Vietnam. The announcement regulates eight aspects, including production process control, production enterprise registration, processing, storage and transportation, packaging marking, Vietnam issuing certificate, entry examination and approval, entry verification and non-conformance handling.
	General Administration of Customs, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Announcement No.131, 2020	Announcement on preventing the introduction of highly pathogenic avian influenza from Ireland into China. Since December 24th, 2020, it is forbidden to import poultry and related products directly or indirectly from Ireland, including products from poultry that are unprocessed or processed but may still spread epidemic diseases. Once discovered, it will be returned or destroyed.
	Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine, General Administration of Customs No.98 [2020].	Notice on Suspension of Import of Logs from New South Wales and Western Australia. All customs offices have suspended the handling of customs declarations for logs from New South Wales and Western Australia that depart on or after December 22, 2020.
	Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine, General Administration of Customs No.97 [2020]	Warning Notice on Strengthening Quarantine of Imported Shrimp in Thailand. From December 22, 2020, the quarantine examination and approval of imported animals and plants of Thailand Daylight Siam Aquaculture Co., Ltd. (SYAQUA SIAM Co.,Ltd, registration number: TH8323160002) imported shrimp from China will be suspended. Strengthen the inspection and quarantine of imported Thai shrimp at ports. During the quarantine period, the acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease (AHPND) and infectious subcutaneous and hematopoietic necrosis disease (IHHNV) were detected by batch sampling.

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Category	Announcement No.	Comments
License Approval	National Health and Health Commission <No.9, 2020>	Announcement on 15 kinds of "Three New Foods" such as cicada flower fruiting body (artificial cultivation) approved three kinds of cicada flower fruiting body, sodium hyaluronate and Lactobacillus mareri subspecies as new food raw materials according to the provisions of Food Safety Law. In addition, the announcement also approved five new varieties of food additives such as $\beta$ -amylase, nitrous oxide, vitamin K2, Dawa gum, sodium alginate (also known as sodium alginate), and 1,3,5- tris (2,2- dimethylpropionamide) benzene, C.I. pigment red 101, magnesium hydroxide, hydrated magnesium aluminate carbonate, polycyclic octene, 1,3; 7 new varieties of food-related products, such as polymer of 2- glycol, polymer of dimethyl 1,4- phthalate and sebacic acid, polymer of 2,2- dimethyl -1,3- propanediol and 1,2- glycol.
Customs Clearance	Shanghai COVID epidemic prevention and control working group < shanghai pneumonia prevention and control office [2021] >	Notice on Printing and Distributing the Plan for Implementing Appointment Management of Imported Cold Chain Food Picking Up from Port to Cold Storage at the First Storage Point, before picking up the goods, enterprises need to make an appointment for the cold storage at the first storage point, and confirm the time for picking up boxes according to the appointment prompt. The notice will be put into trial operation from January 11 to January 15. From 0: 00 on January 15, the application for taking delivery without reservation will not be accepted by the port area.
	The Ministry of Ecology and Environment, the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the Ministry of Commerce, and the General Administration of Customs jointly issued < No.78 of 2020 >	Announcement on Regulating the Import Management of Recycled Iron and Steel Raw Materials, since January 1, 2021, the Recycled Iron and Steel Raw Materials that meet the standards of Recycled Iron and Steel Raw Materials (GB/T 39733-2020) are not solid wastes and can be imported freely. Import is prohibited if it does not meet the national standards.

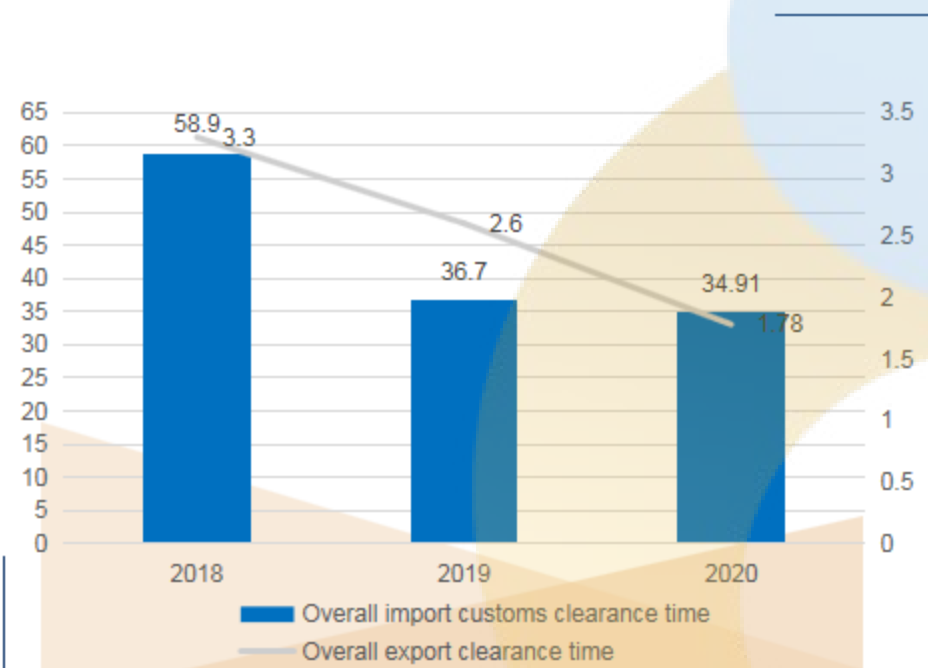
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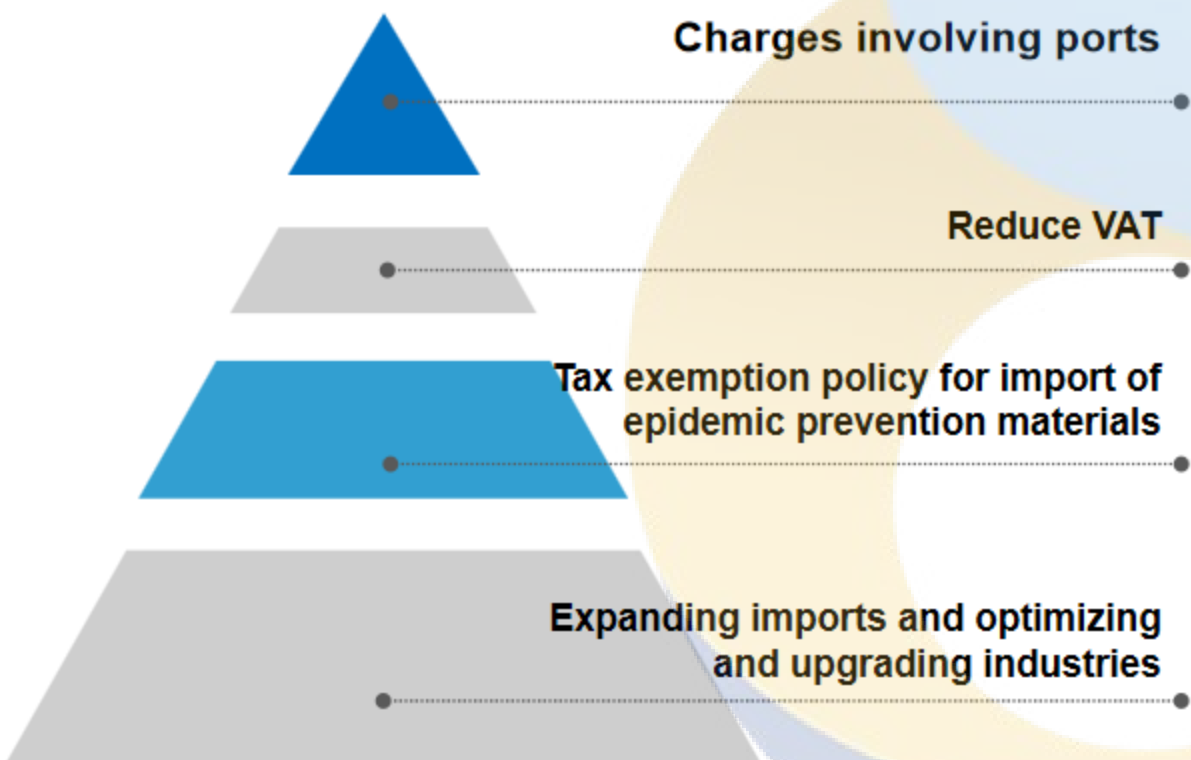


# Customs clearance time has been further improved



In 2020, the customs actively pushed forward the business reforms of "declare in advance" and "two-step declaration", steadily pushed forward the pilot projects of "ship-side direct loading" for imported goods and "reservation declaration" and "arrival direct loading" for export goods, and significantly increased the time limit for customs clearance.

# Import and export costs have been further reduced



**Charges involving ports**

**Reduce VAT**

**Tax exemption policy for import of epidemic prevention materials**

**Expanding imports and optimizing and upgrading industries**

- In China, the port construction fee for import and export goods will be exempted in stages, and the compensation fund for oil pollution damage from ships will be levied in half. The port fee for goods and the port facility security fee will be reduced by 20% in 2020 respectively. The port construction fee will be exempted by RMB 15 billion for the whole year, and the port fee and port facility security fee will be reduced by RMB 960 million.
- In 2020, the Customs earnestly implemented the tax reduction and fee reduction measures to ensure that policies such as reducing value-added tax for anti-cancer drugs and rare disease drugs were accurately implemented. Last year, the tax reduction policy was reduced by RMB 104.25 billion;
- Fully support the resumption of work and production, help enterprises tide over difficulties, and approve 181 enterprises to extend the tax payment period by RMB 15.66 billion, and reduce or exempt the late payment fee by RMB 300 million. Promote the introduction of a tax-free policy for export returned goods due to force majeure in COVID-19 pneumonia epidemic, and exempt and refund RMB 10.52 million for 188 enterprises;
- For the year, the import tax concession under the FTA amounted to RMB 83.26 billion. Issued 10.49 million export certificates of origin, of which 5.204 million were issued under free trade agreements, which helped import and export enterprises enjoy preferential treatment in customs clearance.

## Regulatory documents are further simplified

### Simplification of Documents & Cancellation of Four Administrative Licenses

In 2020, China will continue to streamline the regulatory documents for import and export, and the regulatory documents that need to be verified in import and export have been reduced from 86 in 2018 to 41. Except for 3 cases that cannot be connected to the Internet due to the need of security and confidentiality, all other 38 cases can be applied online. On the basis of reducing some administrative examination and approval items in the early stage, the Customs cancelled four administrative licensing items, such as the registration of customs declaration enterprises, the filing and approval of export food production enterprises, the inspection license of import and export commodity inspection and appraisal business, and the qualification license of personnel engaged in entry and exit quarantine treatment business. At present, the full coverage pilot of the reform of "separation of licenses" for all enterprise-related business license matters has been started, the entry threshold has been further lowered, and the examination and approval service has been continuously optimized.



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