

New China Requirements

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Since May 2014, the Chinese Certification and Accreditation Administration (CNCA) has required dairy and infant formula plants that ship products to China to be registered with them through the publication of [facility lists](#).

To be successfully published on CNCA's dairy and infant formula plant lists, the plants must be found compliant with Chinese laws and regulations. On June 15, 2017, CNCA and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that recognizes the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) as a third-party certifier eligible to conduct verification audits against Chinese requirements for U.S. dairy and infant formula plants intending to export to China.

Obtaining a verification audit is mandatory for plants to be registered; plants not registered are not eligible to ship to China. CNCA has published a catalogue of products ([pdf](#)) that require registration.

What products require registration?

In order to facilitate understanding of CNCA's product categories, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has identified the following Harmonized System (HS) product codes that require registration with CNCA:

- 0401 – Fluid milk and cream of varying fat contents
- 0402 – Concentrated milk, including milk powder, evaporated milk, and sweetened condensed milk
- 0403 – Yogurt, buttermilk, other fermented and acidified milk and cream
- 0404 – Whey and modified whey up to 80% protein; other products of natural milk constituents (including milk protein concentrate and milk permeate, but excluding colostrum)
- 0405 – Butter, dairy spreads, milk fats
- 0406 – Cheese
- 1901.10 – Infant formula

What products Do Not require registration?

- 1702 – Lactose

- 1901.90 – Dairy-based food preparations based on goods of HS 0401-0404
- 2105.00 – Ice cream, edible ice

Plants should note that CNCA has reserved the right to modify the list of products requiring registration, so information contained in this notice is subject to change.

Are there fees associated with requesting an AMS audit?

Yes, AMS does charge a fee of \$82.00 per hour for audit services. This fee does not include the additional cost of auditor's travel.

Who do I contact for additional information?

For more information about AMS audit verification services, please contact:

AMS Dairy Program
E-mail: DairyExportsQuestions@ams.usda.gov
Tel: 202-720-1671

For further information regarding the CNCA/FDA MOU or how AMS audit services will be used in the registration process, please refer to FDA's *Guidance for Industry on Establishing and Maintaining a List of U.S. Milk and Milk Product, Seafood, Infant Formula, and Formula for Young Children Manufacturer/Processors with Interest in Exporting to China*.

For further information regarding CNCA's registration requirements, please contact the Foreign Agricultural Service: agexport@fas.usda.gov or (202) 720-2378.