

A CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROJECT FACT SHEET

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Food Safety Laws and Regulations in China

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Table 1: Food Safety Laws and Regulations

Law and Regulations	Brief Description	Issuer	Effective
<u>Regulation on the Supervision and Administration of Sanitation of Exported Fruits</u>	Aims to improve the quality of exported fruits	General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine	December 25, 2006
<u>Regulation on the Management of Food Safety in Distribution</u>	Regulates food supply and distribution	Ministry of Commerce	December 20, 2006
<u>Law on Agricultural Product Quality Security</u>	Aims to ensure the quality of primary agricultural products	The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress	April 29, 2006
<u>Regulation on the Supervision and Administration of Sanitation for Imported and Exported Food</u>	Strengthens the supervision to ensure the safety of imported and exported food	General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine	March 1, 2006
<u>Regulation on Food Hygiene License</u>	Regulates on issuing licenses for food producers to ensure it meets hygiene standards	Ministry of Health	December 25, 2005
<u>Regulation on Managing Hygiene in Food Additives</u>	Regulates the production and use of food additives to prevent contamination	Ministry of Health	July 1, 2002

<u>Regulation on Managing Hygiene in Genetically Modified Food</u>	Strengthens the supervision of genetically modified food to protect consumer health and right to know	Ministry of Health	July 1, 2002
<u>Regulations on Pig Slaughtering Management</u>	Ensures the quality of pork products	The State Council	December 19, 1997
<u>Regulation on Nutritional Food Management</u>	Aims to ensure the quality of nutritional food (does not include the food for medical purposes)	Ministry of Health	June 1, 1996
<u>Regulation on Management of Hygiene for Radiated Food</u>	Ensures the safety of radiated food	Ministry of Health	April 5, 1996
<u>Food Hygiene Law of the People's Republic of China</u>	Aims to prevent food contamination and harmful substances from injuring human health	The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress	October 30, 1995
<u>Regulation on Breast Milk Substitutes Sales Management</u>	Aims to protect the infant health and encourage breastfeeding	Ministry of Health; General Administration of Press and Publication; The State Administration of Radio Film and Television, State; Administration for Industry & Commerce	June 13, 1995
<i>Various Hygiene Management Regulations for Grain, Oil, Tea, Eggs, Sugar, Dairy, and Alcohol</i>	See Table 2	Ministry of Health	1990

<u>Regulation on Food Hygiene Inspection Organizations</u>	Regulates food hygiene inspections conducted by the organizations out of Ministry of Health supervision system	Ministry of Health	December 2, 1987
<u>Law on Frontier Health and Quarantine</u>	Aims to prevent infectious diseases from spreading into or out of the country by strengthening health and quarantine inspections	The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress	December 2, 1986

Table 2: Various Hygiene Management Regulations

Law and Regulations	Effective
<u>Regulation on Egg Products Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Aquatic Products Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Food Flavoring Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Sugar Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Alcohol Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Grain Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Edible Vegetable Oil Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Hydrogenated oil Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Tea Hygiene Management</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on Meat and Meat Products Hygiene</u>	November 20, 1990
<u>Regulation on New Resource Food Hygiene Management</u>	July 28, 1990
<u>Regulation on Dairy Products Hygiene Management</u>	
<u>Regulation on Edible Fungi Hygiene</u>	

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