

Ministry of Food and Drug Safety

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Title: Guideline on foreign manufacturer registration

1. In accordance with Article 5 of the [Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control]
2. Those who install or operate manufacturing facilities overseas to export food to Korea or importer shall register information on the relevant overseas manufacturer 7 days prior to import declaration and please be informed that import declaration may be rejected without prior registration.
3. Accordingly, foreign embassy to Korea should be advised to inform accurately about the registration requirement to manufacturers in the home country to make sure the registration requirement to be fulfilled.

Please be informed as follows.

A. Items of registration for overseas manufacturers

1. Name, address, representative, phone number and e-mail address of the manufacturer
2. Type of business, application status of food safety management system (HACCP, ISO, etc.)
3. Type of food (agricultural produce, processed food, food additives, health functional food)
4. Agreement with the provision that the authorities may visit and investigate the site of the manufacturer when the Minister of Food and Drug Safety determines it is necessary.
5. Confirmation that the information to be registered is true and accurate.

B. Registration of foreign manufacturers will be implemented after 6-month grace period (until August 3, 2016) to give enough time for overseas manufacturers and importers to prepare and online registration in advance is possible on the website (impfood.mfds.go.kr or from.mfds.go.kr) during the grace period to avoid last-minute confusion, nearing the end of grace period. So please be aware to avoid any disadvantage from non-registration after August 4, 2016 as it will become mandatory starting from the date.

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