



# MAA 2020-24: China: Fish: Government certificate for the export of non-viable seafood to China

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**Related:** MAA2020-20, MAA2020-22

**Attention:**

Industries—Industry bodies - Seafood Export Consultative Committee

Export establishments

Licensed exporters

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment —Central and Regional offices

**Purpose**

This Market Access Advice (MAA) provides an update to a previous Market Access Advice (MAA2020-22) regarding the government certificate (health certificate) to be used for the export of non-viable fish products to China from 1 January 2021.

## Summary of key points

- On 30 December 2020, the department received advice from the General Administration of Customs, People's Republic of China (GACC) that Australia can continue to use its existing non-viable seafood health certificate (FX46CN), pending approval of revised health certification.
- On this basis, the department will continue to issue the current health certificate. The current arrangement and format of certification will remain unchanged until further notice.
- At this stage, the guidance material provided in MAA2020-22 is not required. This MAA replaces MAA 2020-22.
- The department encourages all exporters of seafood to continue to work with their importers to stay informed of Chinese border inspection activities and ensure that product meets importing country requirements.

## Background

- On 16 November 2020, the department received an official request from the GACC advising that current health certification used for the import of (non-viable) aquatic products into China needed to be amended and approved by GACC in line with new import requirements, by 1 January 2021.
- The department has presented an amended certification for GACC approval on 18 December 2020.

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