

**Letter Concerning the Registration Approval of Austrian Pork Production Establishments**

In order to promote the friendly cooperation between China and Austria and the development of meat trade, based on the inspection assessment in Austria and guarantee documents and the rectification materials of the establishments recently provided by the Federal Ministry of Health and Women's Affairs of Austria (BMG), the China Certification and Accreditation Administration (CNCA) now authorizes the registration of the 5 Austrian meat production establishments which meet China's registration requirements.

Regarding the import registration of the edible by-products (pig trotters and heads), the *Protocol on the Inspection and Quarantine and Hygienic Requirements for Frozen Pork to be exported from Austria to China* signed in 2015 between the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) and BMG stipulates that the products to be exported are the "edible part of the pig carcass". *The Chinese National Food Safety Standard GB 12694-2016*, which officially came into force in December 2017, stipulates that "the carcass refers to animal body without head and internal organs." Austrian side put forward that according to EU regulations, the "edible part of pig carcass" is edible products such as pork and trotters, excluding viscera. After confirming with relevant departments of AQSIQ, according to the bilateral protocol and the provisions of China's national food safety standards, the trotters and heads products currently cannot be exported to China.

According to China's import registration requirements, the meat products to be exported to China must come from the producing establishments registered by CNCA (including slaughterhouse, cutting plant, and cold store). The registration information of every step (i.e. slaughtering, cutting and cold storage) should be presented on the external packing boxes of the frozen pork and the edible by-products of the registered establishments.

Registered cold-storage establishments shall only perform quick-freezing and cold storage on products come from the slaughterhouse and cutting plants being registered and approved by CNCA, and the products shall have completed internal and external packaging and labeling, and must not carry out re-packaging or labeling activities. Products to be exported to China must be stored in the separate cold storage area and the packaging must not be damaged. For the pork production establishments having been registered, CNCA will conduct supervision and review at an appropriate time, in order to ensure the establishments continuously meet the registration requirements.

Attachment: List of 5 Austrian Meat Production Establishments being registered in China

Best regards,

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## Translation for reference only

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Attachment

### List of 5 Austrian Meat Production Establishments being registered in China

Registration No.	Name of the establishment	Address of the establishment	Type of production	Products being registered
AT 61885 EG	Jöbstl-Bauerngut GmbH	Wolfsberg 1, 8421 Schwarzautal; Location: Hofgasse 1, 8472 Strass	Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant	Frozen pork
AT 60224 EG	Steirerfleisch Gesellschaft m.b.H.	Wolfsberg 1, A- 8421 Schwarzautal	Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant, Cold storage	Frozen pork
AT 61891 EG	Norbert Marcher Gesellschaft m.b.H	Lagergasse 158, 8020 Graz, Austria	Slaughterhouse	Frozen pork
AT 61877 EG	Fleischhof Raabtal GMBH	Berndorf 119, 8324 Kirchberg/Raab, Austria	Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant, Cold storage	Frozen pork
AT 40821 EG	Rudolf Großfurtner GmbH	Diesseits 230, 4973 St. Martin im Innkreis. Austria	Slaughterhouse, Cutting plant, Cold storage	Frozen pork

Note: According to the bilateral protocol between Austria and China, the products being registered should be the “Frozen pork”, excluding edible by-products.