Steps towards the accreditation of Austrian pigmeat establishments for exports into the People's Republic of China

Consultation/information of the establishment by the authority concerning Chinese requirements and support in the preparation of application documents (questionnaire for registration and necessary documents).

Control (on the spot check) of the establishment for compliance with Chinese requirements by the authority.

Check of the application documents such as questionnaires, plans of the engineered structures, operational HACCP system, etc. for completeness and correctness by the authorities.

Transmission of application documents to CNCA and letter of recommendation of the authority to CNCA for registration of the applying establishment.

Preparation and accompanying measures concerning the company audit=on-the-spot check.

If there are no objections - letter of recommendation of the authority to CNCA for registration of the applying establishments.

In case of objections - control of the implemented measures of improvement (according to CNCA audit report)

Transmission of the corrective measures with letter of recommendation to CNCA

CNCA examines the evaluation report and, if all requirements are met, the **registration** is granted → written notification to the Austrian authority.

Registration of the enterprises according to AQSIQ Decree 98 at http://ire.eciq.cn?

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CNCA prepares and updates the list of enterprises located abroad and informs AQSIQ on them

The registration is valid for a period of **4 years**, one year before the expiry of the period of validity the authority must file an application for extension of registration.

If no application for extension of registration is filed -

→ CNCA deletes the enterprise from the list and anounces it publically.

Control for compliance with Chinese requirements at least once per year → always before the end of the year the control **reports** must be transmitted to **CNCA**,

They receive also <u>all changes deviating from the registration documents</u> in particular important structural changes etc.

In the case of deficiencies in the implementation of specific Chinese requirements at the enterprise additional controls are carried out depending on the situation and, if required, without prior notice → Reports are collected and transferred to CNCA.

For registered enterprises, where it is stated for example within the framework of a follow-up control that they do not comply with the registration requirements any more, the registration is preliminary suspended by CNCA and the AQSIQ is notified thereof (i.e. exports are banned) \rightarrow the authority must control improvement measures and inform CNCA thereof.

At least once per year a <u>training and up-date for Official</u>
<u>Veterinarians</u> on relevant Chinese requirements (new Chinese law or rules etc) takes place at the Federal Ministry of Health and Women's Affairs.

On-site visits at the establishments if appropriate and useful are carried out by the Federal Ministry of Health and Woman Aff.

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