

**Letter from Department/Bureau of the General Administration of
Customs of the People's Republic of China**

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**Letter from the Import and Export Food Safety Bureau of the General
Administration of Customs about issues related to non-GMO edible
vegetable oil exported to China**

Embassy of the Republic of Turkey,

According to China's current laws and regulations, imported non-GMO edible vegetable oil shall not contain GM ingredients. The imported GM(genetically modified) edible vegetable oil shall be accompanied by the relevant approval documents such as the agricultural GM Biosafety certificate issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

Recently, Chinese Customs detected undeclared genetically modified ingredients in soybean oil and rapeseed oil from a number of countries. In order to promote the healthy development of import and export trade of genetically modified (GM) edible vegetable oil, further enhance the understanding on Turkish food safety management system, boost consumer's confidence, and ensure Turkish non-GMO edible vegetable oil imports smoothly enter the Chinese market, we would like to ask the official competent department of Turkey to assist in providing the official regulatory requirements of your country for non-GMO edible vegetable oil, and production enterprise information of non-GMO rapeseed oil, soybean oil, corn oil, and cottonseed oil exported to China (see format in attachment 1). Please provide the above information to our bureau before October 31, 2020, so that relevant information such as enterprise name and product category can be announced uniformly.

The regulatory requirements provided by the competent authorities of your country should mainly reflect the concerns of the Chinese side. In order to facilitate your work, our bureau has formulated the Questionnaire on the Regulatory System for Non-GMO Edible Vegetable Oil (Attachment 2) for

your reference.

We will appreciate if the esteemed embassy can relay our opinions to the related department of Turkey. We hope that both sides will continue to strengthen cooperation and make joint efforts to ensure the food safety and the smooth import and export trade.

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey the assurances of its highest consideration.

Attachment: 1. Letter on providing the list of production enterprise of non-GMO edible vegetable oil exported to China

2. Questionnaire on the Regulatory System for Non-GMO Edible Vegetable Oil

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Attachment 1

Letter on providing the list of production enterprise of non-GMO edible vegetable oil exported to
China

General Administration of Customs (GACC), PRC:

_____ (name of competent department) avails this letter to offer _____ (name of exporting country or region) list of non-GMO edible vegetable oil production enterprises registered in China (see attached form), and declare _____ (company name) (number), comply with Chinese and _____ (name of exporting country or region) relevant laws and regulations and hygiene requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Name and seal of the competent authority of the exporting country or region:

Date:

List of production enterprises of non-GMO edible vegetable oil exported to China

No	Approval number	Manufacturer name	Manufacturer address	Telephone number and fax number	products	The origin country of the raw oilseeds	The designed production capacity of the products(ton/year)	Remarks

Note: The product range includes non-GMO virgin rapeseed oil, refined rapeseed oil, virgin soybean oil, refined soybean oil, virgin corn oil, refined corn oil, virgin cottonseed oil, refined cottonseed oil.

Açıklama [HA1]: Bu kısım(sayfa 4); İl Müdürlüğümüz tarafından word formatında doldurulacaktır.

Attachment 2

Questionnaire on regulatory System for Non-GMO Edible Vegetable Oils

I . Organizational structure

(1) Regulatory authorities

Organizational chart, including quantity, status, and functions.

(2) Information transmission between administrative agencies

Sharing, communication and cooperation mechanism of GM and food safety information among all organizations.

(3) Laboratories

1. List and responsibilities of official laboratories for GMO testing, identification and monitoring.

2. List and responsibilities of officially approved third-party GMO testing laboratories.

II . Laws and regulations

(I) Laws and regulations on genetic modification

(2) Food safety laws and regulations

(3) Standards for limited quantity, sampling and standards for testing

(4) Implementation

1. Transgenic testing plan and implementation of edible vegetable oil

2. Supervision and review

1) License for production enterprises and storage enterprises.

2) Plan, frequency and procedure of supervision and review for production enterprises and storage enterprises.

3) Compulsory measures.

4) Verification and tracking of the notification.

III. Regulatory requirements for enterprises

(1) Quality management system

1. Whether enterprises are required to establish a quality management system.

Enterprise shall set up, include but not limited to, plant health prevention and control, food safety management (additives, non-GMO materials, poisonous and harmful material, packing material management control system), personnel management, chemical use, raw material acceptance, quality and safety of production and storage and transportation process control, product export inspection and nonconforming product recall, traceability management (including the non-GM traceability management), and other aspects of the management system.

2. Whether the enterprise is required to have a sound quality management organization.

The enterprise shall set up a department or a post responsible for the administration of phytosanitary and food safety, and shall be staffed with managerial personnel with professional background in phytosanitary and food safety.

(2) Safety management of raw materials

Whether enterprises are required to implement traceability management for product raw materials

Enterprises need to have traceability management for raw materials, knowing details about the source of raw materials, inspect and test the phytosanitary and transgenic safety of raw materials before they enter the factory, and take the necessary measures to ensure the raw materials not polluted by GM products and conform to the requirements of the production safety, and establish records of the traceability management, inspection and acceptance

(3) Management of production safety

1. Production environment

There should be no cause of pollution to product safety around the production area of the enterprise.

2. Personnel requirements

The employees of an enterprise shall have the healthy and hygienic conditions necessary for production safety.

3 Process Control

The production and processing technological process of the enterprise and the corresponding main technological parameters should be scientific and standardized to ensure the product safety, and

special hazard control measures should be taken or CCP should be set up in the key links with safety risks.

4. Safety risk control

Enterprises shall control and monitor food safety risks in product such as product quality, pesticide residues, pollutants, biotoxins, genetically modified organisms and food additives (if used) in products to ensure its compliance with the requirements of China and the country of origin.

5. Foreign substance control.

The enterprise shall take measures to ensure that foreign substances are not mixed into the products and shall inspect the products.

6. Production water (if used)

The enterprise shall test the quality of the water used for production to ensure that it meets safety requirements and will not cause pollution to the products.

7. Biological control of disease vectors

Enterprises should establish control measures against mosquitoes, flies, rats and other vectors at all production links.

8. Cleaning and disinfection management

Enterprises should have relatively independent cleaning and disinfection area, equipped with cleaning and disinfection equipment suitable for production, washing, disinfectant, etc., and storage them safely to avoid pollution to products. The enterprise shall establish use and keep records.

(4) Product management

1. Product inspection

The enterprise shall carry out phytosanitary, GMO, food safety and other tests on its products to ensure compliance with China's requirements and keep test records.

2. Packaging Materials

The packaging, labels and marks of the products shall meet the requirements of China.

(5) Warehouse management

1. The enterprise shall establish relatively independent and closed storage facilities suitable for production. The temperature, humidity, sanitation and other conditions in the storage facility are suitable for product storage.

2. The products shall be inspected before entering the warehouse, and shall establish records on acceptance into warehouse, storage and outbound.

(6) Inspection and testing capability

The inspection and testing ability of the enterprise for plant quarantine, food safety and transgenic projects.

(7) Training

The enterprise shall regularly train its production and management personnel on plant quarantine, food safety, GMO safety and personnel self-protection.

Açıklama [HA2]: Bu kısım (sayfa 6, 7, 8) üretici firma tarafından word formatında İngilizce olarak hazırlanacaktır.