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Title：	Directions for the Issuance of Rice Export and Import Approval Documents Ch
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Content：	1. The Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the “Ministry”) has established these Directions for the purpose of implementing Article 7, Paragraph 2 of the Food Administration Act and administering the issuance of approval documents for the export and import of rice. 2. These Directions apply to the following rice products under the corresponding Commodity Classification of the Republic of China (CCC) Codes: (1) Rice in the husk (paddy or rough): CCC Code 1006.10.00.00-0. (2) Husked (brown) rice: CCC Code 1006.20.00.00-8. (3) Other wholly milled or semi-milled rice, whether or not polished: CCC Code 1006.30.00.90-7. (4) Glutinous rice: CCC Code 1006.30.00.10-4. (5) Broken rice: CCC Code 1006.40.00.00-4. 3. An applicant for a rice export approval document shall complete and submit an application form (as set forth in Appendix 1). Where paddy rice or brown rice is to be exported, the intended use shall also be specified. Upon review and approval by the Ministry, an export approval document shall be issued. Under any of the following circumstances, the applicant shall additionally submit the relevant documents: (1) Exports of paddy or brown rice for experimental or research purposes shall be accompanied by relevant supporting documents. (2) Exports of paddy or brown rice protected by a plant variety right shall be accompanied by documentary proof of the right holder’s authorization or consent.

(3) Farmers exporting their own produce, or individuals or organizations making charitable donations, shall submit relevant supporting documents.

Exports of up to six kilograms of milled rice, glutinous rice, or both are exempt from the approval-document requirement under the preceding paragraph if the exporter enters the customs clearance code "AGG99999999990" in the Export Permit Number field of the export declaration, and shall be deemed approved by the Ministry.

4. Paddy or brown rice of a variety bred by a domestic agricultural research or improvement institution shall not be exported until five years after its official naming and release. This restriction does not apply to first-generation hybrids or exports specifically approved by the Ministry.

5. An applicant for a rice import approval document shall complete and submit an application form (as set forth in Appendix 2). Where paddy rice or brown rice is to be imported, the intended use shall also be specified. Upon review and approval by the Ministry, an import approval document shall be issued. Under any of the following circumstances, the applicant shall additionally submit the relevant documents:

(1) Where paddy rice or brown rice is imported as seed for field cultivation and production, the following documents shall be submitted:
   1. A seed and seedling enterprise registration certificate.
   2. A certificate stating that the seed is not genetically modified.
   3. For a variety subject to a plant variety right, documentary proof of the variety right holder's authorization or consent to domestic cultivation.
   4. A description of the varietal characteristics.
   5. A cultivation plan, which shall include: the cultivation period, location, area, cultivation management methods, measures to prevent the unauthorized distribution of seeds, marketing plan, and other relevant matters.

(2) Where paddy rice or brown rice is imported for academic exchange, experimental, or research purposes, relevant supporting documents shall be submitted.

Where the total weight of imported milled rice, glutinous rice, or both does not exceed six kilograms, the importer shall be exempt from applying for a rice import approval document under the preceding paragraph if the customs clearance code "AGG98888888880" is entered in the Import Permit Number field of the import declaration; the Ministry shall deem the import approved.

6. An importer bringing in paddy or brown rice for use as seed, or importing at least ten metric tons of rice in a single shipment, shall, within two weeks after customs clearance, take an approximately 1,000-gram sample from each lot listed in the import declaration and divide it into two portions: one to be retained for six months and the other submitted to the local branch of the Ministry's Agriculture and Food Agency. Failure to submit a sample may result in an on-site inspection by the Agency.

When submitting a sample under the preceding paragraph, the importer shall provide the declaration number, importer's name, country of origin, import date, type of rice, total

quantity, and other relevant information.

7. Unless otherwise provided by law, the Ministry shall approve or reject an application based on national food security and interests, variety development, the domestic rice industry, farmers' rights and interests, and policy needs.

8. Upon receipt, each application shall undergo documentary review as either an expedited or regular case. The Ministry shall decide whether to approve the application within three working days for an expedited case or six working days for a regular case. Fees paid shall be refunded without interest if the applicant fails to provide requested supplementary information or if the application is denied.

9. An export approval document shall be valid for two months beginning on the day following its issuance; an import approval document shall be valid for one month beginning on the day following its issuance.

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