



## **MARKET ACCESS ADVICE**

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### **New government initiative to encourage Chinese importers to conduct voluntary self-inspections of imported chilled aquatic products**

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The Department of Agriculture (the department) has received advice that the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) has introduced a new government initiative to encourage importers to conduct voluntary self-inspections of imported chilled aquatic products to ensure quality and safety.

The department understands that AQSIQ's advice has been interpreted differently by Chinese border officials, with some officials enforcing mandatory testing of products, conducted by the importer before products are released from quarantine. This was not the intention of the initiative and to avoid trade disruptions the department encourages exporters to discuss AQSIQ's new initiative with their importers prior to exporting chilled aquatic products.

If product clearance difficulties are encountered, please contact the Export Standards Branch at [exports@daff.gov.au](mailto:exports@daff.gov.au).

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