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Report Highlights:

This is an update to implementation of Korea's Special Act on Imported Food Safety Management ([GAIN KS1609](#)). Korea's Special Act on Imported Food Safety Management went into effect two years ago. This report reminds U.S. exporters that the facility registrations required by the Special Act are valid for two years, unless renewed. As such, the trade is encouraged to ensure facilities remain registered. Steps to do so are included.

I. Update

With implementation of the Special Act on Safety Management of Imported Food (hereinafter referred to as the Special Act: [GAIN KS1609](#)) by the Ministry of Food & Drug Safety (hereinafter referred to as MFDS) in February 2016, all foreign food facilities including livestock facilities that process or pack and export food products to Korea are required to pre-register.

Food products include processed food products, agricultural products such as grains, fruits, health functional food, fishery products, food additives and food packages/ containers/ equipment. The final processor of food products and packers of agricultural products shall be registered by MFDS prior to import declaration.

As of March 28, 2018, a total of 57,860 foreign food facilities (excluding livestock, dairy and egg plants) have been registered with MFDS. Of these, 5,332 facilities are U.S. based food facilities. Registration is valid for 2 years. Any foreign food facilities that wish to renew their registration need to submit an application for renewal to MFDS through the on-line registration system. Renewal of registration may be initiated within 30 days before the registration expires. Please see Section II for information on the renewal process.

For livestock, dairy and egg plants, the registration is valid unless it is revoked for cause. Thus, no renewal is required.

II. Renewal process

Please click the following link: <https://impfood.mfds.go.kr>

1. First, please click a language bar on the top right corner of the screen to change a language into English.
2. On the main screen, there is a menu bar on the top. Please put a cursor on “Petition Application” and click on “Information and Apply.”



3. You will see a table showing three different applications. Please click on “Apply” for “Application for Renewing Registration of Foreign Food Facility” under #3. Items with a red asterisk are required information, but items without a red asterisk, if not applicable, are not required.

Information and Apply

Home > Pet

3 data were retrieved.

| number | civil petition | application | organization | type |
|--------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 1 | Application for Registration of Foreign Food Facility | Apply | Food and Drug treatment | |
| 2 | Application for Updating Registration of Foreign Food Facility | Apply | Food and Drug treatment | |
| 3 | Application for Renewing Registration of Foreign Food Facility | Apply | Food and Drug treatment | |

Application for Updating Registration of Foreign Food Facility

Home > Petition application > Information and Apply > Application for Updating Registration of Foreign Food Facility

Application for Updating Registration of Foreign Food Facility

> Applicant information

Select Importers

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Applicant Information * | <input type="text" value="-select-"/> | name | <input type="text"/> |
| Company name | <input type="text"/> | Company registration number | <input type="text"/> |
| Address | <input type="text"/> | | |
| phone number | <input type="text"/> | mobile phone number | <input type="text"/> |
| E-mail address | <input type="text"/> | | |

> Facility information

Manufacturers

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Registration code | <input type="text"/> | | |
| Facility name * | <input type="text"/> | Owner or operator in charge * | <input type="text"/> |
| Address * | <input type="text"/> | | |
| Country * | <input type="text"/> | Region * | <input type="text"/> |
| Agency Code | Food and Drug treatment | Phone number including | <input type="text"/> |

4. With the registration code given to a facility after the first registration, you can retrieve information that you already submitted in your original application 2 years ago. If you do not remember the registration code, you can check it from “Foreign Manufactures Views” in the MFDS database by searching your facility with name (please refer to the screen shot inserted in #6 below). With the registration code, please click on “Manufacturer” with a V-mark below to retrieve previous information. Fill out the application and submit it.

Application for Updating Registration of Foreign Food Facility

Applicant information

Select Importers

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Applicant Information * | Owner or operator in charge of the facility | name | |
| Company name | | Company registration number | |
| Address | | | |
| phone number | | mobile phone number | |
| E-mail address | | | |

Facility information

Manufacturers

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Registration code | | | |
| Facility name * | | Owner or operator in charge * | |
| Address * | | | |
| Country * | | Region * | |
| | | Phone number | |

5. If there is no change in the information on the application compared to the previous registration application, you will see a short statement saying, “renewal is completed” as soon as the application is submitted. However, if there is a change in the information, MFDS will review the new information and complete the renewal after several working days. In this case, as MFDS did for the first registration, they will inform you of the renewal via email. You can also check the status from the MFDS on-line database under “Foreign Manufactures Views” below.

6. From the below “Foreign Manufactures View, you can also check the expiry date of the current registration.

Foreign Manufactures Views

Home > Petition application > Foreign Manufactures Views

| | | | |
|---------------|--|---------|-------|
| Code | | country | -all- |
| Business name | | | |
| | | search | reset |

57,863 data were retrieved.

Past history

| Address | Title of certification | Food Category | End date | Date |
|--|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| MA,NORTHERN PROMINE, ZAMBIA | | 농산물 | 2019-03-02 | 2017-03-03 |
| < GREAT EAST ROAD, UNIZA, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA | HACCP | 가공식품 | 2019-10-23 | 2017-10-24 |
| †STON BANK, MAZOWE | | 가공식품,건강기능 | 2019-08-28 | 2017-08-29 |

For a foreign facility that fails to renew its registration before it expires, it can apply for registration as renewal as was done two years ago. Please use # 1 application form in the table under “Information and Apply” above. There is no penalty for failure of renewal in a timely manner. As long as a foreign

facility is registered prior to import declaration, there should not be a problem with initiating the import clearance process upon arrival.

For questions regarding renewal or registration of food facilities, please contact our office:

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