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FSIS Extends Deadline on Signing Paper Export Certificates for China

To ensure adequate time for exporters, FSIS is extending the period during which FSIS PHVs can sign paper export certificates generated outside of the Public Health Information System (PHIS) for The People's Republic of China for export applications submitted prior to January 27, 2020. The new deadline is March 21, 2020. The original deadline that FSIS PHVs could sign was February 21, 2020, as referenced in Qs and As in an article in the January 24 [Constituent Update](#).

After March 21, any application started outside PHIS where the associated export certificate (FSIS Form 9060-5) hasn't yet been signed will have to be re-done in PHIS as a new export application. The date of January 27, 2020 for all new applications and subsequent export certificates for China being completed in PHIS has not changed.

FSIS added China to the PHIS Export Component as Phase 3 of the [country rollout](#) on [January 27](#).

The updated askFSIS Qs and As can be found at:

- China Export Certification for Export Applications Submitted prior to January 27, 2020
https://askfsis.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/2066/kw/china
- China Export Certification not signed and issued by the FSIS PHV on or before February 21, 2020
https://askfsis.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/2068/kw/china

For export policy questions, please go to <https://askfsis.custhelp.com>. For technical questions concerning the XML schema development, please contact the FSIS Service Desk at 800-473-9135, select prompt 1, followed by prompt 3. Other questions concerning the PHIS export can be submitted to PHISTechnicalQA@fsis.usda.gov.

FSIS encourages all users who are not familiar with the PHIS Export Component to use the Industry Test Environment (ITE) opportunity to test their export application process.

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