

**Official Announcement:**

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**General Administration of Customs Announcement No. 54 of 2025  
(Announcement on suspension of China import qualifications for sorghum from C&D (USA) INC.'s and poultry bone meal from three U.S. enterprises including American Proteins Inc.)**

Recently, Chinese customs detected excessive amounts of zearalenone and mold in imported US sorghum, and salmonella in imported US poultry meat and bone meal. In order to protect the health of Chinese consumers and the safety of animal husbandry production, in accordance with the Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China and its implementing regulations, the Law of the People's Republic of China on Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine and its implementing Regulations, the Measures for the Supervision and Administration of Entry and Exit Grain Inspection and Quarantine, the Measures for the Supervision and Administration of Entry and Exit Feed and Feed Additives Inspection and Quarantine, etc., as well as the relevant provisions of the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Implementation of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, the General Administration of Customs has decided to suspend the sorghum export qualification of C&D (USA) INC. (Chinese registration number: QUSA0824082200028); and suspend poultry meat and bone meal export qualification of three relevant enterprises, including American Proteins, Inc. (Chinese registration number: QUSA0423071400055), Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc. (Chinese registration number: QUSA0423112000023), DARLING INGREDIENTS INC. (Chinese registration number: QUSA0423071400061).

The announcement is hereby made.

General Administration of Customs  
April 4, 2025



**Press Response:**

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**The person in charge of the Department of Animal and Plant Control answered reporters' questions on the General Administration of Customs Announcement  
No. 54**

On April 4, the person in charge of the Department of Animal and Plant Control of the General Administration of Customs answered the question of suspending the qualification of sorghum and poultry meat and bone meal products exported to China of four US enterprises.

Recently, Chinese Customs detected zearalenone in sorghum imported from a US company, which far exceeded the maximum limit stipulated in the Feed Health Standard (GB 13078-2017). Salmonella was detected in the poultry meat and bone meal feed exported to China by three US companies, which did not meet the above standard of being free from salmonella.

Zearalenone is a mycotoxin produced by a variety of fusarium bacteria that can pose a threat to animal and human health if it enters the food chain through feed. Salmonella, on the other hand, is a zoonotic bacterium that can cause performance degradation or death in animals eating "contaminated" feed, as well as diarrhea, and in severe cases, death if consumers consume contaminated animal products.

The person in charge said that in order to prevent risks from the source and ensure the safety of animal husbandry production and the health of consumers, the General Administration of Customs decided to suspend the import qualification of the four US companies involved in the case from April 4, 2025. These measures are necessary, scientific and reasonable, and comply with relevant Chinese laws and regulations and international practices. The Chinese Customs will, as always, strengthen inspection and quarantine of imported agricultural and food products to resolutely

protect the country.