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## Update

This circular follows on from PE25-01 and PE25-02.

MIA continues to engage closely with New Zealand government officials regarding the China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) announcement on initiating an investigation on safeguard measures on global beef imports.

Since the previous update, MFAT and MIA have successfully registered as interested parties for the investigation, MFAT as the representative for the New Zealand Government, and MIA as the industry association representing the New Zealand beef processing industry. MIA is unaware of any New Zealand companies that have registered directly.

Other markets have taken a similar approach, with registrations in MOFCOM's portal being dominated by overseas government authorities, industry bodies, and importers in China. As noted in PE25-02 MOFCOM has indicated that registration is voluntary, and there would be no penalisation against any one company should they not register.

MIA has also spoken with the Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) on its approach to the investigation. AMIC has registered as the interested party representing beef exporters. Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) has also registered as it has representation on the ground in China. As far as it is aware, no Australian company has registered directly. AMIC is focusing on the MOFCOM questionnaire and taking a similar approach (see below). We will be keeping in touch with AMIC as our own questionnaire develops.

## Next steps

Now that the necessary registrations are complete in the MOFCOM portal, the focus has shifted to responding to information requests from MOFCOM and preparing for hearings. On 26 January 2025, MOFCOM notified the issuance of relevant questionnaires for interested parties, which the MIA has received and is actively working through to respond on behalf of the New Zealand beef industry. The approach we are taking is to utilise publicly available, verified data and information to answer the questions. The questionnaire is due to MOFCOM on **17 February 2025**.

In parallel, MIA is preparing an overarching submission on behalf of the New Zealand industry. MFAT will be making a submission on behalf of the New Zealand Government. MIA is working closely with the New Zealand Government on the contents of the industry questionnaire and submission and will share a draft with industry before the due date.

MIA will also continue to engage with counterpart industry bodies and global organisations, such as the International Meat Secretariat.

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**Resources:**

- 1) [MOFCOM Notification for Issuance of Questionnaires](#)
- 2) [USDA Report: China: MOFCOM Issues Questionnaires for Imported Beef Safeguard Investigation | USDA Foreign Agricultural Service](#)
- 3) [English Copy of Foreign Exporter Questionnaire](#)