China e-commerce markets
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Export Research Requirements:
“Pre-Market Due Diligence”
The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (‘HS’)

There are 5200 six-digit product categories used to identify products for tariff treatment

- ChAFTA: Australia and China use 8 digit tariff codes for customs duties
- JAEPA: Japan uses 9
Section / Chapter Label
Section 1 – Agricultural Products
Chapter 04 - Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin

Heading Label
Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk; dairy spreads

Subheading Label
Butter

04

0405

0405.10

Subheading Label
Dairy spread

0405.20

Australian Harmonized Classification
Export Commodity (AHECC)

Tarrif Harmonising Classification
Always check with a licensed customs broker for confirmation.

When unsure – apply for a customs ruling.

What can go wrong using an incorrect HS code?
- Overtaxing and under-taxing
- Technical Fraud – Penalties
- You are responsible
- Delayed clearance time
**Market Research**

**Case Studies: Honey/Yoghurt**

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**Australian Exports of Natural Honey- 040900 (2017)**

- $31M USD
  - 20% ($6M) to **China**
  - 11.4% ($3M) to Canada (**Queen Bees**)
  - 10.6% ($3M) to **Singapore**

Followed by **Hong Kong and Malaysia**

Global Market Trends?
- $2B USD global industry
- Australian honey **imports** outweigh export quantities
- **New Zealand** dominates natural honey export markets in China, Singapore etc.
- **Australia** leads New Zealand only in Malaysia

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**Australian Exports of Yoghurt- 040310 (2017)**

- $23M USD
  - 60% ($14M) to **Singapore**
  - 12.3% ($2.8M) to **Hong Kong**
  - 10% ($2.3M) to **Malaysia**

Followed by **Thailand and China**

Global Market Trends?
- $2B USD global industry
- **Australia**, followed by Switzerland exports **most expensive** (on average) yoghurt USD/unit
- Australia dominates Singapore, Malaysian, and Thai Yoghurt import markets.

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*Info sourced from ITC Trade Map*
Market Research
How-To:

Where do I begin my market research?

1. Trade Map
2. Create log-in (free)
3. Choose your product indicators
4. Explore
# Australian Honey Exports to China

**List of importing markets for the product exported by Australia in 2017**

**Product: 040900 Natural honey**

Australia’s exports represent 1.3% of world exports for this product. Its ranking in world exports is 19.

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<th>Importers</th>
<th>Value exported in 2017 (USD thousand)</th>
<th>Trade balance 2017 (USD thousand)</th>
<th>Share in Australia’s exports (%)</th>
<th>Quantity exported in 2017</th>
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*Image: ITC Trade Map*
List of supplying markets for the product imported by China in 2017

Product: 040900 Natural honey

China's imports represent 3.9% of world imports for this product, its ranking in world imports is 6

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Image: ITC Trade Map
Regulation Compliance

Visit: Manual of Imported Country Requirements (MICoR)

Import and export country-specific food safety requirements on:

- Dairy
- Meat
- Seafood
- Plants
- Live Animals
- Non-Prescribed Foods

E.g. Search “Your product + export destination”

**Result?** Knowing if you have the capability/resources to meet the regulations of desired export destination in the first place.

E.g.: “It has been brought to the attention of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, that **Chinese border inspection** officials are routinely **testing Australian honey** for the presence of American Foulbrood, European Foulbrood, Small hive beetle and Varroa destructor. **Positive detections** within the consignments will result in the **rejection of the entire consignment**. (MICoR)
Provides additional export information, including:

- Approved audit providers
- Export certificate assistance and links
- Assistance for small exporters
- Exporter registration requirements
- Export quota information
- As well as similar MICO information (specific dairy, meats, seafood, etc)
Using Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Comparing Tariffs

Visit: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) FTA Portal

Australia has 7 FTAs in Asia:
- ChAFTA (China)
- JAEPA (Japan)
- AANZFTA (ASEAN + New Zealand)
- KAFTA (South Korea)
- SAFTA (Singapore)
- TAFTA (Thailand)
- MAFTA (Malaysia)

Benefits of FTA Portal:
- Comparing tariff rates between potential export destinations or between available FTAs (e.g. TAFTA vs AANZFTA)
- Waiting for appropriate time to export (gradual tariff reduction, seasonal rates)
**The Noodle Bowl and Rules of Origin**

**Rules of Origin**

**WO: Wholly Obtained** – grown or mined in Australia

**WP: Wholly Produced** the good can be wholly produced in Australia or China. WP is not a category in any other FTA.

**Change in Tariff Classification** – According to the Product Specific Rules

**Regional Value Content** – calculation according to the product specific rules.

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RVC = \frac{\text{Value of Goods} - \text{Value of Inputs}}{\text{Value of Goods}} \times 100
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How can I research tariff discounts?

Welcome to the FTA Portal

- Discover new trade opportunities
- Learn about Free Trade Agreements
- Find accurate tariffs for your product
- Explore Services and Investment criteria
- Check your eligibility for benefits
- Get latest trade data

Search

Browse categories

1. Service, product or HS code (required)  
2. Select Trade Direction (required)  
3. Select Country (required)  

Select  
Select  

Search
So...you know what your HS code is, you’ve done your preliminary market research to find the best possible export market, you’re able to meet food safety and customs regulations, and you know which FTA you’d like to export under.

What’s next?

Refined Product Research

1. Online Platform Research
2. Local TradeStart office

Benefits

1. Local marketing trends
2. Comparing pricing points
3. Observing Australian/international/local product competitors
4. “on the ground” knowledge

Visit:

Yihaodian

Tmall

Above: selection of Australian honey
What is capability?

- Finance
- Language
- Product Redesign
- Cultural Understanding
- Non-Tariff Barriers

Including:
- Quotas
- Cost of local and international compliance
- Logistics
- **Seasonal access**
- International political environment including trade policies and public objection
- Rules of origin
CCIWA TradeStart Export Development Assistance

Who are we?

• The Australian Trade and Investment Commission – Austrade – is a Government agency responsible for promoting trade, investment and international education, and tourism policy, programs and research.

• Austrade leverages the deep commercial knowledge and relationships of our international and domestic networks, and the badge of government, to deliver value for our clients and investors.
  • Connect export-ready Australian businesses to overseas opportunities and work with them to achieve commercial outcomes;
  • promote Australian capability internationally;
  • provide authoritative commercial insights and information to help clients to make informed business decisions;
  • inform and influence policy to support positive trade and investment outcomes.

[Diagram: Austrade, Here to Help.]

International business opportunities
Advice on doing business overseas
Introductions and networks
Information and insights
Leverage the badge of government
An ATA Carnet is a temporary customs clearance document that removes the need to raise bonds or deposit duty at customs posts. It reduces the clearance time on importation and re-exportation.

Includes other supporting documents for exports.

A certified trademark with instant brand recognition that will win you more sales for Australian made products locally and overseas.
Thank you