

## Unofficial Translation

### **Warning Notice on Strengthening the Inspection and Quarantine on Imported Canadian Canola**

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Recently, Huangpu, Dalian, Nanning and Shenzhen Customs reported that quarantine pests have been repeatedly detected in imported Canadian canola seed including *Leptosphaeria maculans*, *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *Maculicola*, *Avena ludoviciana* Durien, *Xanthium* sp and *Amaranthus palmeri* S. Watson. To prevent the introduction of pests, according to the “Law of People’s Republic of China on the Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine”, the General Administration of Customs (GACC) has revoked the registration of Richardson International Limited and its related companies, whose problems are the most severe. Import of Canadian canola seed from Richardson International Limited and its related companies is suspended, and notice has been sent to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

In order to protect China's agricultural production and ecological security, according to the “Administrative Provisions on Risk Alert and Rapid Response to Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine ”, a warning notice on strengthening the quarantine of imported Canadian canola seed is hereby issued:

1. Individual local Customs authorities should suspend the customs clearance of Canadian canola seed from Richardson International Limited and its related enterprises effective March 1, 2019.
2. The quarantine inspection of imported Canadian canola seed should be strengthened, with special attention paid to the inspection of plant diseases, weeds, laboratory testing and identification, and the relevant situation should be reported to GACC in a timely manner. GACC will carry out risk assessment on the detection results of hazardous organisms from various local Customs, and adjust early warning measures in due course.
3. Timely notify the canola seed importing enterprises within the jurisdiction of the above situation.
4. This warning notice shall remain valid until rescinded.

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