

China ractopamine ban leads Tyson to seek new export markets

Tyson Foods, Hormel, Triumph Foods and Quality Pork Processors have products from select pork processing plants banned from China over ractopamine concerns

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Tyson Foods is seeking alternative export markets for pork products, after China implemented a ban on the import of pork products from several of Tyson's pork processing facilities.

The USDA had earlier announced that China was barring pork imports from six U.S. processing plants and six cold storage facilities over the use of feed additive ractopamine, according to a Reuters report. China requires third-party verification that U.S. pork imports are free of ractopamine.

Tyson Foods spokesperson Gary Mickelson told the news agency that the company was confident in the quality and safety of its pork products. Tyson is working with U.S. government officials to try to resolve the trade issue. "In the meantime, we'll find other markets for our products," said Mickelson.

China bans pork products from multiple facilities

The Tyson Foods facilities mentioned in the ban are located in Perry, Iowa; Storm Lake, Iowa; and Logansport, Indiana. Other pork processing facilities mentioned in the ban are: Quality Pork Processors, Austin Minnesota; Triumph Foods, St. Joseph, Missouri; and Hormel Foods, Fremont, Nebraska.

China has also banned pork products from the following cold storage facilities: Cloverleaf Cold Storage, Fairmont, Minnesota; Frozen Assets Cold Storage, Chicago; Nor-Am Cold Storage, St. Joseph, Missouri; Millard Refrigerated Services, Edwardsville, Kansas; Hanson Cold Storage Company, Logansport, Indiana; and Americold Logistics LLC, Fremont, Nebraska.

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