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Recently, according to relevant clues from report , the AQSIQ carried out an investigation into the issue that passengers carry food products at several ports. During the investigation, it is detected that some passengers enter and exit the ports several times per day to carry food products into the country for sell. The entry sales of beverage called “Red Bull” from Thailand are most frequently thereof.

For ensuring the safety of imported food products, the AQSIQ determines to enhance the administration of food products carried by inward passengers in accordance with the Food Hygiene Law of the People’s Republic of China, Law of the People’s Republic of China on Import and Export Commodity Inspection and its rules for implementation and other provisions in relevant laws or regulations. It is hereby promulgated as follows:

1. For food products carried by borderers crossing the border frequently or temporary passengers, the amount shall be limited to reasonable quantities for necessary use in the trips. That is, one case per day for one kind of products. In case the amount of carrying food products is beyond the limit, it shall be regarded as import for trade purpose, and shall apply for inspection and quarantine at the port entry-exit inspection and quarantine institution. Moreover, the Chinese labels shall be checked in accordance with relevant provisions, and fees for inspection and quarantine shall be paid by the applicant. After passing the inspection and quarantine, those food products may allowed to be imported.

2. Port entry-exit inspection and quarantine institutions throughout the country shall remind inward passengers that food products are prohibited from illegal carrying, and shall enhance the examination at the ports.

3. Entry-exit inspection and quarantine institutions shall cooperate with local industry and commerce departments to carry out the joint law enforcement and prohibit imported food products, which fail to undergo inspection and quarantine or of which the Chinese labels are unqualified, from selling in China.

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