**Bulgarian frozen fruit exports to China**

Bulgarian frozen fruit exports to China must comply with Chinese customs, food safety, and quarantine requirements. The process involves multiple steps, including production, certification, transportation, and customs clearance. The following are the specific steps and precautions:

**I. Pre-Export Preparation**

Bulgarian exporters must be officially registered in Bulgaria and obtain EU food safety certification (e.g., EU standards).

***Product Compliance***

List of Permitted Frozen Fruit Imports: Confirm the types of frozen fruit permitted for import by the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) (e.g., strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, etc.).

Production Facility Registration: Bulgarian processing plants must be reviewed by the General Administration of Customs of China and listed on the "Registered List of Overseas Food Production Enterprises" (registration is required through the China Import Food Enterprises Registration: **https://app.singlewindow.cn/cas/login?\_loginAb=1&service=https%3A%2F%2Fcifer.singlewindow.cn%2Fciferwebserver%2Fj\_spring\_cas\_security\_check**).

Pesticide and Additive Standards: Comply with China's National Food Safety Standards (GB Standards), with particular attention to pesticide residues (e.g., Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)).

***Document Preparation***

Certificate of Origin (e.g., EU Form A certificate, eligible for tariff concessions).

Sanitary Certificate (issued by Bulgarian official veterinary or agricultural authorities, certifying compliance with Chinese standards).

Ingredient Analysis Report (laboratory testing for pesticides, microorganisms, and other indicators).

Packing List, Invoice, Contract (commercial documents).

**II. Export Process**

***Booking and Transportation***

Cold Chain Logistics: Refrigerated transportation at -18°C throughout the entire process. Select a freight forwarder with cold chain certification.

Packaging Requirements: The outer packaging must be labeled with the product name in both Chinese and English, along with the production date, expiration date, and factory registration number.

***Customs Clearance in China***

Customs Declaration: The importer or agent submits the customs declaration, health certificate, certificate of origin, and other documents.

Inspection and Quarantine: China Customs conducts random sampling and testing (focusing on pesticide residues, heavy metals, and microorganisms), and releases products upon passing the inspection.

***Tariffs and VAT:***

Tariff rates for frozen fruit: Approximately 10%-30% (depending on the HS code and the Free Trade Agreement).

VAT: 9% (agricultural products).

**III. Key Considerations**

***Registration Timeline:***

Bulgarian factories must apply for China's GACC registration in advance, a process that takes 3-6 months.

***Labeling Requirements:***

Chinese labels must include: product name, country of origin, production date, expiration date, storage conditions, and domestic distributor information.

***Cold Chain Compliance:***

Temperature fluctuations during transportation must be fully documented; otherwise, the product may be rejected.