USGSA GRAIN EXPORTERS
DO I NEED TO REGISTER TO EXPORT?

Are you in the business of buying, handling, weighing, or transporting grain for sale in foreign commerce?

YES

Did you export 15,000 metric tons or more of grain during the preceding or current calendar year?

NO

Are you exporting grain to China? USDA provides its exporter registration list to China, per China's Decree 177. Under that Decree, ALL grain exporters (regardless of volume shipped) must be registered to ship such products to China. If not registered, the Chinese government can refuse entry to any grain shipment, from an exporter, that does not appear on the registration list received from the competent authority (in this case USDA) of the exporting jurisdiction.

YES

YES

NO

You are not required to register as an exporter.

NOTE: Some foreign countries have specific import requirements, so you may register, as needed. FGIS has regulatory authority to register those not required to as support for international movement of U.S. grain. The list of registered exporters will be published and shared with foreign governments upon request.

You must register as an exporter by December 15 each year following the instructions at https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/fgis/ddr-export-registration-instructions.

NOTE: Registration requirements apply to individual companies whether a corporation, partnership, LLC, individual, or other business form. If there is a statutorily defined "control relationship" defined as "ownership interest" of ten percent or more, the "parent" may list such subsidiary entity on its own export registration application. However, it may be wise to individually register that other exporting entity in order to mitigate or eliminate documentary confusion at the point of importation into a foreign country. This may be specifically helpful for grain imports into China. Further, if a company is also operating out of distinct sites/locations as a DBA (doing business as), it again may be wise to individually register that company under its DBA form to help eliminate documentary confusion with foreign import authorities. While recent FGIS review has determined, that a separate export registration is not necessary for a subsidiary in a "control relationship" or a DBA operation, the complexities of documentary requirements overseas may make individual registrations useful and in the best interest of the assorted exporters to have their names and locations individually listed. Under FGIS regulations, FGIS has authority to register these types of additional entities as long as the export registration requirements under 7 CFR 800.33 and 7 CFR 800.34 are met.