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Greater Facilitation for Open Cooperation and Mutual Benefit

- A Brief Overview of China Customs' Special Action
- to Facilitate Cross-Border Trade
- **China–Belgium Customs Event | 29 October 2026**

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Special Drive to Facilitate Cross-Border Trade

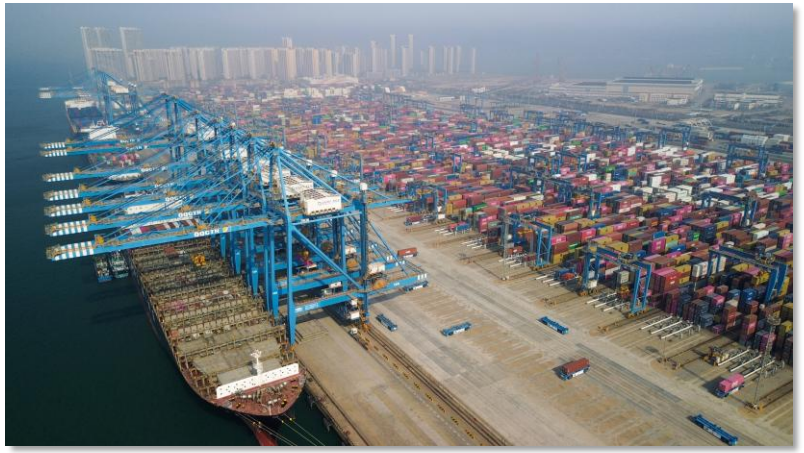


GACC Minister Sun Meijun speaks at the SCIO press conference on the 15th Five-Year Plan customs agenda, 22 July 2026. (Photo: SCIO / Xu Xiang)

- Launched every year since 2018 — Customs will keep running this facilitation drive throughout the next five years, opening markets wider and turning cooperation into shared wins.
- **140+ measures delivered so far; 110 now applied nationwide.**
- March 2026: GACC and 24 partner agencies rolled out 29 new steps across 45 pilot cities.
- Outreach: press briefing, policy explainers on the "Customs Release" WeChat channel, and pilot-city customs offices sharing on-the-ground results with media.

Five Things Are Clearly Working

- **1. Smarter clearance** — credit + risk-based supervision
- **2. Better support for new trade formats** — e-commerce & exhibition goods
- **3. Faster logistics** — multimodal, TIR cold chain, airside handoff
- **4. Smarter ports** — digital certificates, Single Window
- **5. Aligned standards** — AEO mutual recognition, shared certificates



Qingdao Port's fully automated container terminal.
(Photo: Xinhua / Xu Suhui)

1. Smarter Clearance

- Port-and-local handoff, batch inspection and remote checks — moving from "inspect every shipment" to credit- and risk-based supervision.
- Beijing & Shenzhen: whitelisted chilled seafood released right after sampling.
- **A shipment of Norwegian salmon cleared in about 10 minutes.**
- ***"Only when we know what to watch can goods move fast."***



Shenzhen Customs officers supervise air cargo at the international cargo terminal of Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport. (Photo: Shenzhen Customs)

2. Better Support for New Trade Formats



Customs officers inspect the first air-freighted exhibits of the 9th CIIE at Shanghai Pudong International Airport, 13 October 2026. (Photo: Shen Chunchen / People's Daily)

- Digital duty guarantees for cross-border e-commerce imports.
- Exhibition goods: filed once, moved in batches.
- 13 October: the first air-freighted exhibits for the 9th CIIE arrived at Shanghai Pudong International Airport from Lyon and were cleared by Shanghai Customs the same day.
- **Among them — Michelin tyres made of 75% recycled and renewable materials, making their Asia debut at this year's CIIE.**

3. Faster Logistics

- One bill of lading, one sealed container — end to end.
- TIR cold-chain direct transport; airside handoff at airports.
- **Shenzhen airport handled nearly 15,000 tonnes of chilled seafood in H1 2026, up 60%.**
- **Tianjin Customs runs a 24/7 lane keeping Belgian pears and ice cream moving — inspected on arrival, released on clearance.**



Customs officers inspect imported ice cream at Tianjin port. (Photo: Tianjin Customs)

4. Smarter Ports



Customs officers inspect imported vehicles. (Photo: Shijiazhuang Customs)

- The Inbound Inspection Certificate is now auto-stamped and pushed straight to the Single Window.
- **Beijing's "two certificates merged" process cleared the first UK off-roader in 11 minutes flat.**
- Less paperwork, no queues — digitalisation speeds up every link.

5. Aligned Standards

- AEO mutual recognition keeps expanding.
- Agri-food: recognising each other's health certificates, temperature logs and lab reports — the same shipment is never tested twice.
- **By mid-July 2026: 264 new agri-food products from 79 countries admitted, from 150+ markets worldwide.**
- China imports roughly 100,000 tonnes of apples a year, and demand keeps climbing. Belgian apples won access in June 2026.
- **Belgian pears already account for ~30% of China's pear imports — more quality Belgian produce is finding its way to Chinese shelves.**



Data: China Customs



Belgian apples: access granted in June 2026.

Looking Ahead: The 15th Five-Year Plan



Air cargo ready for departure at dusk. (Photo: Shenzhen Customs)

- China now trades as a leading partner with over 160 economies.
- The 15th Five-Year Plan (2026–2030) — three priorities:
  - Easier access — wider import admission
  - Smarter checks — more ingenious inspection
  - Better service — faster documentation
- ***"Clearance that feels invisible" — so businesses everywhere can tap into China's market.***

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