



# Chinese National Holidays 2017

The most well recognized Chinese public holiday for people outside China is the Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival. But then again, there are many other Chinese holidays which all have their own interesting history. Since these holidays affect production in China in various degrees, we always prepare action-plans together with our factories to find different ways of working around any disruptions. We will of course prompt our customers for each specific holiday and if it will affect production.

All our efforts are always focused on your production. But despite all the precautions we are taking, it is always good to think ahead and avoid disruption in your production. Below you will find a presentation of the holidays; what they mean, when they occur and for how many days they last. We have also made a list of a number of proactive measures for you to think about.

## **SPRING FESTIVAL – CHINESE NEW YEAR**

**Date: 27th Jan - 6th Feb 2017**

The Chinese New Year is the most important traditional holiday in China. It is also known as the Spring Festival, the literal translation of the modern Chinese name. Chinese New Year celebrations traditionally ran from Chinese New Year's Eve, the last day of the last month of the Chinese calendar, to the Lantern Festival on

the 15th day of the first month, making the festival the longest in the Chinese calendar. It is also the occasion when many Chinese travel across the country to spend the holiday with their families. The Chinese New Year has been recognised as the largest annual human migration in the world.

## **TOMB-SWEEPING DAY**

**Date: 2nd - 4th April 2017**

Tomb-sweeping Day, also called TaQing, is a Chinese traditional festival in the spring. It takes place at the 108th day after the winter solstice and is one of the most important festivals of sacrifice. It is the day of ancestor worship and grave cleaning. The traditional tomb-sweeping day began during the Zhou dynasty, and has a history of more than 2500 years.



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### LABOUR DAY

**Date: 1st May 2017**

The International Labour Day is also called “May Day” and “International Demonstration Day” (International Workers’ Day). It is a national holiday for working people in more than 80 countries in the world. After founding the new China in 1949, the government set the 1st May to be a national labour day and a day off for all the people. Each year on this day, the Chinese government will commend the labourers who have made outstanding contributions.

### DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

**Date: 28th - 30th May 2017**

The Dragon Boat Festival takes place the 5th day in the 5th month of the Chinese calendar every year. It’s an important Chinese traditional festival since ancient times. During the festival people row dragon boats and watch dragon boat racing, also making and eating rice dumplings. There are many legends about the origin of the Dragon Boat Festival. The most popular one is in commemoration of Qu Yuan. Qu Yuan (340–278 BC) was a patriotic poet and exiled official during the Warring States Period of ancient China. He drowned himself in the Miluo River on the 5th day of the 5th Chinese lunar month, when his beloved Chu State fell to the State of Qin. Local people desperately tried to save Qu Yuan and recover his body, to no avail. In order to commemorate Qu Yuan, every fifth day of the fifth lunar month people beat drums and paddle out in boats on the river as they once did to keep fish and evil spirits away from his body.

### MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

**Date: 1st - 8th Oct 2017**

The Mid-Autumn festival is on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month. The Mid-Autumn festival began in the early years of the Tang dynasty, flourished in Song dynasty, through to Ming and Qing dynasties, and has also become one of the main Chinese festivals. An important part of the festival celebration is moon worship when people eat moon cakes and drink Osmanthus wine. The Mid-Autumn festival’s moon represents people’s family reunion, and expresses the feeling of missing loved ones and their hometown, praying for a bumper harvest and future happiness. It has become a rich, colourful and valuable cultural heritage.

### NATIONAL DAY

**Date: 1st - 8th Oct 2017**

The Chinese National Day is also called the National Day Golden Week. China’s National Day is the celebration of the founding of People’s Republic of China and since 1950 the Chinese government announce each year that the 1st of October is the Chinese National Day. There are various ceremonies and activities to celebrate the National Day and every 5th and 10th year there are military parades of various sizes. The Chinese government always adjust the National day with a weekend, so that people will have a week off (from 1st to 7th Oct) to celebrate the National Day, and that’s why it is also called National Day Golden Week. During this time, people travel a lot. There is also a lot of consuming to contribute to the economic development of the country.

- Together with NCAB Group, plan your production before and after the Chinese holiday – look at what could be produced earlier
- Prioritize your most critical products
- NCAB use optional factories whenever applicable for QTA
- Buffer stock managed by NCAB