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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017 COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 000-51576

ORIGIN AGRITECH LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

No. 21 Sheng Ming Yuan Road, Changping District, Beijing 102206 (Address of principal executive office)

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Resignation of CEO of Origin Agritech Limited

William S. Niebur, who served the Company since April of 2016, resigned from his positions of Chief Executive Officer and director as of the end of business on November 30, 2017, to pursue new opportunities. Dr. Niebur will continue to assist the Company as a strategic consultant during a transition period. The Company thanks Dr. Niebur for his significant contributions during his tenure with the Company and will soon announce the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer.

The Company, while continuing to seek seed trait and germplasm commercial opportunities in the United States, will be suspending its Iowa representative office and will operate its United States activities from its headquarters in Beijing, Peoples Republic of China.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ORIGIN AGRITECH LIMITED

By: <u>/s/ Dr. Gengchen Han</u> Name: Dr. Gengchen Han

Title: Chairman

Dated: December 1, 2017

EXHIBIT

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release Dated December 1, 2017