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THE CALIFORNIA  
CHERRY BOARD

## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

## Light Brown Apple Moth Boundary Changes

- The Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM, *Epiphyas postvittana*) quarantine boundaries have changed, effective immediately.
- The regulated area boundaries in Orange County - Laguna Nigel have been expanded and can be found in [grid 483](#).
- For more information on LBAM, as well as the Southern California, Northern California, and full state quarantine maps, please see the [California Department of Food and Agriculture website](#).

## EU to Implement Phytosanitary Regulations

- The Health and Food Safety Directorate-General of the European Union has [notified the WTO](#) that it will be implementing a set of regulations for phytosanitary import conditions of plants and plant products.
- The full regulation is set out in a [draft document](#) and a [set of Annexes](#) listing pests of interest and phytosanitary certificate requirements. The following may be of interest:
  - Fresh sweet cherries from the U.S. will require a phytosanitary certificate, as described on pages 121 (applicable to all non-EU countries) and 124 (applicable to fruit from Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. only) of the Annexes.
  - The cherry pests of concern to the EU are *Tephritidae* (non-European) and *Grapholita packardii* Zeller.
  - The oriental fruit fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*) is listed as not present in the EU.
- These regulations will be adopted in October, and are scheduled to enter into force on December 14.
- Comments are due by October 11 to [sps@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu).

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

## USTR Announces Next Steps on China Tariffs

- On August 13, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) [announced](#) that the fourth round of tariffs on Chinese products would be split into two rounds: [one beginning September 1](#), and the other [beginning December 15](#). (Continued on next page)

- Additionally, some products of strategic value have been removed altogether. Most products with tariffs delayed or removed are manufactured consumer goods, while most food and beverage products were not granted delays or exemptions.
- Fresh sweet cherries were not targeted on the list, as China does not export them to the U.S. Tariffs on sour and preserved cherries from China will go into effect on September 1, as planned.

### South Korea Notifies WTO of New Draft Regulations

- On August 13, South Korea notified the WTO of multiple new regulations affecting imported food. The full regulations are only available in Korean, with no English translation provided.
  - [Notification 19-5620](#) clarifies details of the Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control. It specifies the scope of imported food that is subject to inspections, as well as procedures that importers must follow. The final date for comments is September 24.
  - [Notification 19-5623](#) proposes amendments to the Enforcement Rule of the Special Act on Food Safety Control. It clarifies the renewal procedures for approved importers and foreign food facilities. The final date for comments is October 12.
  - [Notification 19-5627](#) proposes an amendment to the Special Act on Food Safety Control, establishing food management certification standards for foreign food facilities that produce food exported to South Korea. The final date for comments is October 12.
- Comments on all regulations are due to [intmfds@korea.kr](mailto:intmfds@korea.kr)

### Taiwan Proposes Changing Quarantine Fees

- Taiwan has [notified](#) the World Trade Organization (WTO) of [a draft regulation](#) to change inspection quarantine fees, exemptions, and hours of operation. A date of adoption has not yet been proposed.
- The regulation increases most quarantine, facility, and document fees for both plant and animal products.
- Comments are due to the Taiwan Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, [Council of Agriculture](#), by August 25.

### EU to Emphasize Deforestation Concerns in Trade, Food Policy

- On July 23, the European Commission released the document [“Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World’s Forests,”](#) which was later summarized in a [USDA GAIN Report](#).
- The document specifies that all new comprehensive trade agreements to which the EU is a partner must contain “provisions on sustainable forest management” as well as commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, to combat climate change.
- The EU will also encourage consumers to purchase sustainable products through food labeling, both voluntary and mandatory. No specific regulations have been proposed.