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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Canada Updates Phytosanitary Certificate

- Canada [notified the WTO](#) that it has slightly revised the format of the Canadian phytosanitary certificate.
- The [new certificate](#) will be labeled with the version reference number "CFIA 1327 (2020/09)" and will be issued starting on December 8, 2020.
- Comments are due by December 6, 2020.

Canada Proposes Plan on Achieving Zero Plastic Waste by 2030

- Canada [announced](#) a plan to achieve zero plastic waste by 2030, which includes banning single-use plastics deemed especially harmful, setting minimum recycled content requirements, and extending producer responsibility.
- The six single-use plastic products proposed for ban as early as 2021 are checkout bags, straws, stir sticks, six-pack rings, cutlery, and food service ware made from hard-to-recycle plastics.
- The plan does highlight the importance of some single-use plastics in preserving food. Snack food wrappers were not found to be good candidates to be banned or restricted at this time. Further study will shape the management framework, consider exemptions for items that serve an essential function and have no viable alternative, and select the best instrument to use in each case.
- Details are included in a [discussion paper](#). [Comments](#) are due by December 9, 2020. Regulations will be finalized by the end of 2021.

EU Delays Entry Into Force of New Organic Regulation

- The EU [notified the WTO](#) that both EU Regulation 2018/848 and EU 2020/427 amending the 2018 EU Organic Regulation have been deferred by one year.
- The 2018 EU Organic regulations, detailed in an August [USDA GAIN report](#), will now enter into force on January 1, 2022 (*BCI Monitor 9-1-2020*).

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

USDA Provides Translation of China's Draft Measures on Supervision and Management of Food Labeling

- A recent [USDA GAIN report](#) includes an English translation of China's revised draft [Measures on Supervision and Management of Food Labeling](#) (in Chinese), notified to the WTO on September 23, 2020 (*BCI Monitor 9-15-20*). The measure will apply to both domestic and imported products.
- A list of changes to the current standard can be found in *BCI Monitor 9-15-20*.
- While the WTO notification says that comments are due by November 13, 2020, the GAIN report states that no comment period, contact information, or implementation date have been announced.

USDA Provides Translation of China's Draft Administrative Measures for Food Safety Standards

- A recent [USDA GAIN report](#) includes an English translation of China's [Draft Administrative Measures for Food Safety Standards](#) (in Chinese), first published in September (*BCI Monitor 9-15-20*).
- In addition to clarifying the scope of food safety standards to include national and local standards, the draft measure establishes protocols for imported food products without an applicable national food safety standard (Chapter 8).
- Comments are due by October 15, 2020.

USDA Provides Translation of China's Draft National Food Safety Standard for Metal Food Contact Materials

- A recent [USDA GAIN report](#) includes an English Translation of China's draft revised [National Food Safety Standard for Metal Materials and Articles for Food Contact](#) (in Chinese), published in September (*BCI Monitor 9-15-20*).
- The revised standard replaces GB 4806.9-2016 and modifies terms, definitions, and requirements for raw materials, migration tests, and label identification.
- Comments are due by November 13, 2020. China has not published an implementation date.

Germany Announces Plans to Restrict BPAs

- Germany [announced](#) its intention to restrict the use of bisphenol A (BPA) along with any "structurally related bisphenols (including derivatives) of similar concern for the environment".
- A limit of 0.02% by weight would be set for bisphenol A used as an additive, as a residue in imported goods, and present in mixtures for non-automated processes.
- The restriction will be submitted to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on October 1, 2021.

WTO Awards \$4 Billion in Retaliatory Tariffs to EU

- The WTO [announced](#) that the EU may impose up to \$4 billion in tariffs on U.S. products in retaliation for subsidies provided to Boeing.
- In response, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative issued a [press release](#) disputing the legitimacy of the decision and threatening a response if the EU follows through with the tariffs.
- The EU previously released a [list](#) of potential targets for retaliatory tariffs, which does not include fresh cherries.

WTO Releases *Trade Profiles 2020*

- The WTO released [Trade Profiles 2020](#), which includes key indicators on trade for 197 economies.
- For each economy, the report covers major exports, imports, and trading partners, including breakdowns by agricultural commodity.