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**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Mediterranean Fruit Fly Quarantine Changed

- The [California Department of Food and Agriculture \(CDFA\)](#) is changing the Mediterranean Fruit Fly (Medfly) quarantine boundary.
- Effective immediately, the quarantine applies to San Bernardino County – Devore (Grid 441).

EU Releases Priority Pest List

- In October, the [European Food Safety Authority \(EFSA\)](#) released a list of the [20 plant pests of highest concern](#) in the European Union, based on an assessment of the potential damage and economic costs associated with the pests.
- The list includes the following pests that are known to affect cherries: *Anastrepha ludens* (Mexican fruit fly), *Anoplophora chinensis* (citrus long-horned beetle), *Aromia bungii* (red-necked longhorn beetle), *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Oriental fruit fly), *Conotrachelus nenuphar* (plum curculio), and *Rhagoletis pomonella* (apple maggot).
- Members of the EU will now be required to draw up an annual contingency plan for controlling the spread of these pests and assess the ongoing threat posed by each of them.
- The priority pest list will apply as of December 14, 2019.

Japan to Modify Food Contact Material Regulations

- Japan has [notified the WTO](#) of [new regulations](#) for food packaging.
- The timeline for implementation is vague, with the regulation scheduled to be adopted in winter 2019 and a potential entry into force in summer 2020.
- The regulation will allow the use of materials that are not approved under the Japanese positive list system to be used in food utensils, containers, and packaging *if* the materials do not come into contact with the food and the substance cannot migrate into the food.
- The proposed regulation establishes a maximum residue level of 0.1 mg/kg (0.1 ppm) for these substances.
- Comments are due by December 9 to the International Trade Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at enquiry@mofa.go.jp

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

WTO Approves U.S. Tariffs on EU

- At the October 14 meeting of the [WTO Dispute Settlement Body](#), WTO members officially approved proposed U.S. tariffs on EU products in retaliation for EU subsidies to Airbus. [*BCI Monitor*: 10-08-2019]
- The U.S. declared its intention to implement the [proposed tariffs](#) on October 18, but stated that it is open to a negotiated solution.

U.S. May Cancel Tariff Increase on Chinese Goods

- Following a meeting with Chinese negotiators, President Trump and Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin announced that the U.S. would not implement the 5% increase in tariffs on Chinese goods that had been scheduled for October 15.
- In the absence of a Federal Register notice, it is unclear whether the tariffs have been implemented.
- The Trump administration cited progress towards a potential trade deal with China as the reason for the change.