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**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Light Brown Apple Moth Boundary Changed

- The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) [LBAM boundary](#) has been expanded in San Diego – La Jolla (Grids [521](#) and [522](#)).
- The change is effective immediately.

Macao Adds Approved Point of Entry

- Macao has [notified the WTO](#) that it has added the Macao Port of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge as a point of terrestrial entry that is acceptable for import licensing requirements.
- The Bridge port was not listed in the original notification because it was published before the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge was completed.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Chilean Cherry Industry Expects Strong Growth

- The Chilean Association of Fruit Exporters (ASOEX) [predicts](#) a 16.1% increase in cherry exports by volume in the upcoming 2019/2020 season. This would be the largest season on record for the Chilean cherry industry.
- China, which accounted for 88% of Chilean cherry exports in 2018/19, is expected to once again be the primary export market, according to ASOEX.
- The peak of the season is expected in mid-December, with an anticipated volume of over 8 million boxes per week.

Chilean Port Worker Strike Disrupts Trade

- The Chilean Central Front of Port Workers, which represents all port workers in Chile, is reportedly on strike. The strike is part of ongoing anti-government protests in Chile that have shut down major cities.
- Industry media has reported that the Port of San Antonio has been severely disrupted by the labor strike and protests. San Antonio is reportedly the largest export port for the Chilean fruit industry.
- If the strike continues, it could disrupt the Chilean cherry industry, which is heavily export-dependent. The season has started, but volumes are still small and are not expected to increase until November.

China Requests Authorization for Retaliatory Tariffs Against U.S.

- China [notified the WTO](#) that it will request authorization to levy \$2.4 billion in retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products, based on a [WTO dispute](#) over U.S. countervailing duties.
- The request will be considered at the next WTO Dispute Settlement Body meeting on October 28.
- China's WTO notification indicates that it plans to focus retaliatory tariffs on the sectors that were affected in the original case, which would exclude food products. However, no final decision has been made.

WTO Extends Preferential Treatment for Least-Developed Countries

- The WTO [officially extended](#) the measure that allows WTO members to provide preferential treatment to least developed countries.
- This extension will expire on June 30, 2029.
- The United Nations is responsible for maintaining the official list of [least-developed countries](#). WTO members can offer these countries lower tariff rates than they offer to other countries, in order to encourage economic development.