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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Philippines New Customs Procedures for Plant-Based Food Enters Into Force

- The Philippines' new customs legislation titled [Rules and Regulations Governing Importation and Exportation of Plant Food](#) entered into force on November 7, 2020 (*BCI Monitor 4-21-20*).
- The new regulations cover import processes of plant food products to the Philippines, food safety restrictions, border clearance procedures, exports of plant food products, and sanctions and penalties.
- The new regulations also repeal or modify Articles II, III, IV, VI, VIII and IX of the previous Philippine Department of Agriculture DC 4 regulations from 2016.
- According to a July [notification to the WTO](#), the legislation was set enter into force on November 7, 2020.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

EU Implements Retaliatory Tariffs on U.S. Agricultural Products

- The European Commission published a [list of retaliatory tariffs](#) on U.S. products in accordance to the WTO's ruling that the EU could impose up to \$4 billion in retaliation for subsidies provided to Boeing (*BCI Monitor 10-13-20, 9-29-20*).
- Starting today, November 10, 2020, the EU will impose an additional retaliatory tariff of 25% on a range of U.S. agricultural products.
- Fresh cherries are not subject to the EU's retaliatory tariffs.
- While the European Commission announcement does not include descriptions of the items receiving tariffs, BCI has compiled a [list](#) of the products and their descriptions from Annex II. The descriptions are taken directly from a [list of potential tariff targets](#) released by the EU in 2019.

Thailand Food Contaminant Regulation Enters Into Force

- The Thai regulation [Maximum Levels for Contaminants and Toxins in Food](#) (in Thai) will enter into force on November 16, 2020 (*BCI Monitor 6-23-20*).
- Details of the regulation were summarized in English in Thailand's February 2019 WTO [notification](#) of the draft. The new Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) regulation repeals older MOPH regulations (Annex I) and sets maximum levels for various heavy metals, mycotoxins, radionuclides, and other contaminants (Annex II).

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