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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

China Updates Organic Regulations

- On November 12, the Chinese National Certification and Accreditation Administration (CNCA) [announced](#) a set of [new regulations](#) (both in Chinese) for organic certification bodies, which will go into effect on January 1, 2020.
- Section 5.2.7 (page 4) describes the documents that must be submitted to the organic certification body in order to be considered.
- Templates for organic certification documents are provided in the annexes to the regulations, including the Organic Product Certification (Annex 1), the Organic Conversion Certificate (Annex 2), and the Organic Product Sales Certificate (Annex 3).
- The CNCA also [published](#) a revised version of [the organic product certification catalog](#) (both in Chinese), which includes all registered organic products. The catalog includes fresh cherries (Serial No. 21; pistachios and stone fruit).
- Starting immediately, this version of the certification catalog will be used to evaluate products for organic certification. Existing organic certificates are still valid through their stated expiration date.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

U.S. to Consider Additional Tariffs on EU After WTO Ruling

- On December 2, the WTO [published](#) a [report](#) on the EU's compliance with WTO rulings on its subsidies to Airbus. This is the latest report in two competing cases lodged by the U.S. and EU on aircraft subsidies to Airbus and Boeing, respectively.
- The WTO found that the EU has failed to comply with the previous WTO ruling on the case, as Airbus has continued to benefit from European subsidies.
- In response, the office of the U.S. Trade Representative [announced](#) that the U.S. will consider increasing its [existing tariffs](#) and imposing tariffs on new products, and will publish a request for comments later this week.

USTR Proposes Tariffs on France and Further Investigation of European Countries

- The office of the U.S. Trade Representative [released its report](#) on the Section 301 investigation into France's digital services tax, finding that the tax constitutes an unfair trade barrier for American companies.
- Due to this finding, the USTR released a list of French exports that could face tariffs of up to 100%, valued at approximately \$2.4 billion.
- Comments on the proposed action are due by January 6, 2020 through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#) (use docket number USTR-2019-0009). A hearing will be held on January 7.
- The USTR also [announced](#) it will consider initiating Section 301 investigations into Austria, Italy, and Turkey for their digital services taxes.