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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

GCC Notifies Draft Regulations for Labeling Claims

- The countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) recently [notified the WTO](#) of draft technical regulations: [Requirements for the use of terms such as “Fresh, Natural, Pure, and etc.” in the labelling of Food Products](#) (in Arabic).
- The regulations include requirements for the terms fresh, pure, natural, traditional, authentic, homemade, rural, and off-farm on food labels.
- The proposed date of adoption has yet to be determined. The regulations will enter into force six months after adoption.
- Comments are due May 10, 2021 to the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization at email enquiry@sasq.gov.sa.

CDFA Changes LBAM Quarantine Boundary

- On March 10, the [California Department of Agriculture](#) (CDFA) expanded the quarantine area for the light brown apple moth (LBAM).
- The San Diego County Regulated Area Boundary is expanded in the San Diego County – Oceanside Area, Grids [499](#) and [510](#), effective immediately.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

USDA Seeks Input on Climate-Smart Agriculture

- The USDA recently [announced](#) and published a [Federal Register Notice](#) requesting public comment on the Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad.
- The USDA is seeking comment from a variety of stakeholders, including farmers, on how the USDA can utilize new and existing programs, partnerships, research, and other tools to support the voluntary adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices.
- Additionally, the notice also seeks input on catastrophic wildfires; biofuels, bioproducts, and renewable energy; and serving disadvantaged communities.
- Comments are due before April 29, 2021.

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