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**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

CDFA Ends MedFly Quarantine in San Bernardino County

- The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced it is removing the Mediterranean Fruit Fly (MedFly) quarantine in San Bernardino County, Devore Area, effective June 27, 2020. This quarantine was originally created in October 2019.
- There are no longer any MedFly quarantine zones in California.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Australia Extends Electronic Import Certificate Approval

- Australia has extended its temporary approval of electronic import certificates until October 1, 2020 according to a recent government [notice](#).
- Australian inspection officers will access the documents through their Cargo Online Lodgement System (COLS), but may request additional verification via email or the online tool managed by the exporting NPPO. To be eligible for this arrangement, the exporter must provide a point of contact or online tool to verify electronic certificates.

Taiwan Extends Temporary Approval of Electronic Import Documents

- Taiwan has extended its approval of electronic import documents until August 31, 2020, according to a recent WTO [notification](#). The measure was originally announced on March 31 as part of an effort to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on trade (*BCI Monitor 4-21-20*).
- Taiwan's Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) will accept scanned copies of certificates sent by the exporting country's competent authority or by the representative office in the Separate Customs Territories of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu, or by Taiwan's representative office in the exporting country.

Ukraine Publishes Draft Organic Food Regulation

- Ukraine recently [notified](#) the WTO of a [draft resolution](#) (in Ukrainian) regarding the certification of organic food.
- The proposed regulation details requirements for organic food production as well as circulation and labeling provisions.
- The deadline for comments is September 1, 2020. The date of adoption and entry into force have yet to be determined.

Indonesia-Australia Free Trade Agreement Enters Into Force

- The [Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement \(IA-CEPA\)](#) entered into force on July 5, 2020.
- Australia and Indonesia have the two largest economies in Southeast Asia, and bilateral trade surpasses \$12 billion annually. Under the agreement, over 99 percent of Australian goods by value will enter Indonesia duty-free or under improved preferential treatment. The IA-CEPA is the most comprehensive bilateral trade agreement Indonesia has joined.
- Arrangements under the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) will remain unchanged. IA-CEPA builds on AANZFTA outcomes and provides for additional preferential treatment between Indonesia and Australia.