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GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Hong Kong Gazettes Amendments to Hazardous Substances in Food Regulation

- Hong Kong has [published](#) two amendments to Hazardous Substances in Food Regulation in its official gazette: 1) [Harmful Substances in Food \(Amendment\) Regulation 2021](#); and 2) [Food and Drug \(Composition and Labelling\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021](#).
- Hong Kong conducted a consultation on the amendments in December 2020 (*BCI Monitor 12-15-20*).
- The first amendment:
 - Updates the maximum permitted concentration of *aflatoxins*, *erucic acid*, and *melamine* in food
 - Introduces maximum levels for *benzo[a]pyrene*, *deoxynivalenol*, *glycidyl fatty acid esters*, *patulin*, and *3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol* in food
 - Prohibits foods containing partially hydrogenated oil
- The second amendment requires prepackaged foods containing fully hydrogenated oils to be marked accordingly in their ingredient tables.
- The prohibition of partially hydrogenated oils and the required marking of fully hydrogenated oils will enter into force on December 1, 2023, while the other amendment provisions will enter into force on June 1, 2023.

Vietnam Notifies WTO of Extended Producer Responsibility Law

- Vietnam recently [notified the WTO](#) of a [Draft Decree](#) (in Vietnamese) implementing a number of articles on environmental protection.
- Chapter VII of the Decree (page 102) mandates extended producer responsibility (EPR) for recycling and handling of discarded products and packages, including imports.
- Products covered by Chapter VII are listed in Appendix 55 (beginning page 200) of the [appendix document](#) (in Vietnamese), including various food and drink packaging listed under section G.1. (pages 215-216).
- If adopted, the decree takes effect January 1, 2022.
- Comments are due by October 1, 2021.

Korea Notifies Proposal to Strengthen Information on Online Imported Food Purchases

- South Korea recently [notified the WTO](#) of revisions to its *Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control* regarding the publication of information about online imported food purchases.
- The [Proposed Revision of the "Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control"](#) (in Korean) establishes the legal basis for Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) to publish food safety and public health information on its website regarding online purchases of imported food that "have caused or may cause hazards."

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- Specific standards and procedures are to be prescribed by an Ordinance of the Prime Minister.
- No date of adoption or publication has been set. The Act would enter into force six months following publication.
- Comments on the proposal are due by September 24, 2021.

China Approves, Expands Usage of Several Food Contact Materials

- The China National Health Commission (NHC) recently [announced](#) approval of [28 food additives and food-contact materials](#) (FCMs) (in Chinese).
- Included in the announcement is the approval of nine new enzymes for use in food, three new FCMs, nine FCMs with expanded use, and seven new resins. The newly approved FCMs are listed below:
 - New FCMs
 - Silicic acid, sodium salt, reaction product with chlorotrimethylsilane and isopropyl alcohol (CAS No. 68988-56-7) for use in paper and paperboard
 - Dodecylguanidine hydrochloride (CAS No. 13590-97-1) for use in paper and paperboard
 - Poly(1,4-butylene adipate) (CAS No. 25103-87-1) for use in plastics
 - FCMs with expanded use
 - Talc (CAS No. 14807-96-6) for use in polylactic acid (PLA) plastics
 - Phosphorous trichloride, reaction products with 1,1'-biphenyl and 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenol (CAS No. 119345-01-6) for use in polyphenylsulfone (PPSU) and polyethersulfone (PESU) polymers
 - C.I. solvent red 135; C.I. oil solvent red 135; 8,9,10,11-Tetrachloro-12-phthaloperinone (CAS No. 20749-68-2) for use in polycyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate (PCT) plastics
 - C.I. pigment violet 15; Sodium aluminosilicate violet (CAS No. 12769-96-9) for use in polystyrene (PS) plastic
 - Zinc phosphate (CAS No. 7779-90-0) for use in coatings and coating layers
 - Ethanol, 2-amino- (CAS No. 141-43-5) for use in paper and paperboard
 - 2,4-Bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-6-(2-hydroxy-4-n-octyloxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (CAS No. 2725-22-6) for use in polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) plastics
 - 2-Methyl-2-propenoic acid 2-ethyl-2-[[[2-methyl-1-oxo-2-propenyl) oxy] methyl]-1,3-propanediyl ester (CAS No. 3290-92-4) for use in rubber
 - 2-Propenoic acid, polymer with 2-ethylhexyl 2-propenoate (CAS No. 25134-51-4) for use in Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) plastic
 - New Resins
 - 2-Butenedioic acid (E)-, polymer with 1,3-isobenzofurandione and tricyclodecanedimethanol (CAS No. 68784-89-4) for use in coatings and coating layers
 - 1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, polymer with 1,3-benzenedicarboxylic acid, 2,2,4,4-tetramethyl-1,3-cyclobutanediol, 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol, and 1,6-hexanediol for use in coatings and coating layers
 - 2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, polymer with N-(butoxymethyl)-2-propenamide, ethenylbenzene and ethyl 2-propenoate (CAS No. 26589-46-8) for use in coatings and coating layers
 - 2,6-Naphthalenedicarboxylic acid, 2,6-dimethyl ester, polymer with 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol, 1,2-ethanediol, 2,2'-oxybis[ethanol] and β3,β3,β9,β9-tetramethyl-2,4,8,10-tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane-3,9-diethanol (CAS No. 2146168-28-5) for use at dosage as necessary in plastics
 - Poly[[imino-1,4-butanediylimino(1,10-dioxo-1,10-decanediyl)]] (CAS No. 26247-06-3) for use in plastics
 - 2-Propenoic acid, polymer with butyl 2-propenoate, ethenyl acetate, 2-ethylhexyl 2-propenoate and ethyl 2-propenoate (CAS No. 68698-72-6) for use in adhesives
 - 2,5-Furandione, polymer with ethene, ester with ethenol homopolymer; Maleic anhydride, polymer with ethene, ester with ethenol homopolymer (CAS No. 76930-37-5) for use in coatings and coating layers
 - Specific usage allowances for each approved FCM are given in the announcement.