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THE CALIFORNIA
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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Korea Proposes Mandatory Recycling Labeling on Packaging

- South Korea [notified the WTO](#) of [proposed legislation](#) requiring mandatory labeling regarding packaging material and packaging method (including space ratio and number of packages).
- The legislation aims to reduce packaging waste through consumer awareness.
- If passed, the rule will be adopted on January 1, 2021, and be enforced starting on January 1, 2022.

Australia Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Opens Public Consultation on Regulatory Practices

- Australia's Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) recently opened a [public consultation](#) focused on maturing its regulatory practices.
- DAWE seeks input from stakeholders, including international trading partners, on crafting a Regulatory Practice Statement.
- Comments are due by October 30, 2020.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Mexico Front of Pack Warning Labels to Enter Into Force

- On October 1, 2020, Mexico will begin implementing front of pack (FOP) nutrition warning labels, with a grace-period extending through November 30, 2020 (*BCI Monitor 8-4-20*).
- The labels consist of a mandatory FOP octagon ("stop sign") warning label and are required for pre-packaged food and beverages deemed to include excess calories, sugars, saturated fat, trans fat, sodium and/or presence of sweeteners.
- Starting on April 1, 2021, products with warning labels are not permitted to use packaging with elements directed towards children including characters, games, celebrities, athletes, etc.
- Details about the new requirements, including specific nutritional thresholds for labeling and product exemptions, are included in a USDA GAIN [report](#).



Brazil to Simplify Import Process for Agricultural Products

- Starting October 1, 2020, Brazil's International Agricultural Surveillance System (Vigiagro) is [implementing](#) a more [streamlined process](#) (in Portuguese) for import operations using the model of License, Permission, Certification, and others (LPCO) for agricultural products.
- According to the announcement, the new process will allow for better risk management. Low-risk imports may be released automatically, and intermediate-risk imports may be exempt from physical inspections.