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## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**Freshfel Europe Launches Environmental Footprint Initiative**

- The European Fresh Produce Association (Freshfel Europe) along with several members, has [launched a program](#) titled *The Freshfel Environmental Footprint Initiative for the fresh produce supply chain*.
- The initiative aims to standardize environmental footprint methodology for the fresh produce sector. The initiative will align with the Product Environment Footprint (PEF) methodology recommended by the EU and likely to be used by the European Commission in legislation on sustainability labeling.
- Participating members include several national fruit trade associations, as well as international companies, including Dole and Bayer.

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**Australia's Khapra Beetle Measures Enter Phase 4**

- [Phase 4](#) implementation of Australia's [khapra beetle urgent actions](#), affecting [other-risk plant products](#) from [all](#) countries, starts on April 28, 2022 (*BCI Monitor 2-8-22*).
- Phase 4 applies to dried fruits and unprocessed plant products. However, fresh fruit is [excluded](#).
- A full list of import conditions will be available on [BICON](#) on April 28, 2022.

**China Publishes Second Draft Revision of Excess Food Packaging Restrictions**

- On April 18, China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology [announced](#) a [second draft revision](#) (in Chinese) of pending mandatory standard *GB23350-2021 Restriction of Excessive Packaging Requirements for Food and Cosmetics* (*BCI Monitor 3-22-22*).
- *GB23350-2021* has been announced, but the text cannot be accessed. Based on machine translation, the second draft revision limits the number of packaging layers to 4, up by 1 layer compared to the earlier draft, for products other than grains and their processed products, mooncakes, and rice dumplings.
- A comment period was open April 18-24, 2022.

**EFSA Publishes Scientific Advice Related to Nutrient Profiling in the EU**

- The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) [published](#) its [scientific advice related to nutrient profiling](#), informing the European Commission's regulatory initiatives on healthier food choices and nutrient profiles and on front-of-pack nutrition labeling. Draft regulations under these initiatives are expected to be published by the end of 2022.
- EFSA did not evaluate or propose a particular nutrient profiling model. EFSA recommends considering the following nutrients for nutrient profiling models in the European Union (EU):
  - Saturated fats, sodium, and added/free sugars
  - Calories/Energy
  - Dietary fiber and potassium
  - Iron, calcium, vitamin D, folate and iodine

### WTO Ministerial Conference to Take Place in June

- The World Trade Organization (WTO) [announced](#) that the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) will take place on June 12-15, 2022 at WTO headquarters in Geneva.
- The conference was postponed in December 2021 due to the Omicron outbreak.