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**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

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- USDA APHIS has published a Draft Environmental Assessment for the [European Cherry Fruit Fly \(*Rhagoletis cerasi*, ECFF\) Cooperative Control Program in Select Counties in New York State](#).
- The assessment is part of the mandatory APHIS review process as it proposes to amend quarantine requirements for ECFF to the systems approach. The assessment considers the impact of no official control program, of maintaining current quarantine measures, and of implementing the proposed systems approach.
- In April, APHIS [announced the final approval](#) of a systems approach to allow the movement of cherries outside of quarantine areas for ECFF (*BCI Monitor* 5-3-22).
- Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment can be submitted to PPQPRAComments@aphis.usda.gov with "cherries" in the subject line by August 11, 2022.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

USITC Rules Fertilizer from Russia, Trinidad and Tobago Does Not Harm U.S Industry

- On July 18, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) [ruled](#) that U.S. industry is not harmed by urea ammonium nitrate (UAN) fertilizer imports from Russia, and Trinidad and Tobago.
- As result of the ruling, the U.S. Department of Commerce will not issue countervailing and antidumping duty orders on imports of UAN from Russia and Trinidad and Tobago, two of the largest providers of the fertilizer to the U.S.

Australia's Department of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment Changes Name

- Australia [recently notified the WTO](#) that the former Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) has been renamed to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), effective July 1, 2022.
- The agency remains the competent government authority responsible for the inspection and certification of Australian agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, food and forestry product exports and imports, among other responsibilities.

Summary of Canada's 2016 Nutrition Labeling Changes with Upcoming Enforcement

- In 2016, Canada promulgated the [Regulations amending the Food and Drug Regulations \(Nutrition Labelling, Other Labelling Provisions and Food Colours\)](#). In February 2021, due to Covid-19, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) postponed enforcement of the regulations and published [a new implementation and enforcement plan](#) (*BCI Monitor* 2-23-21).

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Summary of Canada's 2016 Nutrition Labeling Changes with Upcoming Enforcement (Continued)

- According to this plan, the transition period for the 2016 Regulations ended on December 14, 2021, with full enforcement beginning on December 15, 2022 (*BCI Monitor 12-21-21*). Further, CFIA will “apply enforcement discretion in cases of non-compliance when regulated parties have a detailed plan that shows how they intend to comply at the earliest possible time, and no later than December 14, 2023.”
- Health Canada provides summaries of the changes broken down by category:
 - [Changes to the nutrition facts table](#)
 - [Changes to the serving size](#)
 - [Changes to information on sugars](#) (note that a major change is that all sugars must be grouped in the list of ingredients)
 - [Changes to information on sweeteners](#)
 - [Changes to the list of ingredients](#)
- Additionally Health Canada provides a list of foods [usually exempt](#) and [always exempt](#) from carrying a Nutrition Facts table (NFT). Fresh fruit without any added ingredients [are always](#) exempt from carrying a NFT.
- U.S. Embassy officials advise manufacturers to engage with their importers, who in turn should approach Health Canada, to discuss how discretion will be applied.