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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Korea Implements New Labeling Requirements for Fresh Fruit in Transparent Packaging

- On July 1, South Korea implemented new labeling requirements for fresh fruit in transparent packaging. The product and importer name must be labeled in Korean.
- The information may be included either on the master container or on all inner retail packages. Individual bags do not need to be labeled if the information is applied to the retail display box or if a display post or signage with the information is adjacent to the display. In these cases, the master container must include the information for the import inspection. Labels can be applied predeparture or on arrival.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Canada Announces Front-of-Pack Labeling Regulations

- On June 30, Health Canada [announced](#) new [front-of-pack labelling regulations](#) for packaged foods that are high in saturated fat, sugars and/or sodium, requiring certain products to be marked with [a black-white FOP nutrition symbol](#) as of January 1, 2026.
- Regulations are pending publication in the *Canada Gazette*. A consultation on [the proposed changes](#) was held in 2018.
- Fruits without added sugars are exempt from the regulations.

EU, New Zealand Conclude Free Trade Agreement Negotiations

- The European Union [announced](#) the successful conclusion of free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with New Zealand.
- The agreement will reportedly eliminate all tariffs on EU exports to New Zealand as well as 97% of New Zealand exports to the EU within seven years, include geographical indication protections for relevant EU products, and includes unprecedented sustainability commitments.
- Following publication of the official text, the deal must be ratified in the EU and New Zealand prior to entry into force. Information pages regarding the agreement are provided by the [EU](#) and [New Zealand](#). Bilateral trade between the EU and New Zealand surpassed USD 8.1 billion in 2021.

California Department of Agriculture Updates Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine Zones

- On June 27, the [California Department of Agriculture](#) (CDFA) removed the Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) Quarantine in Santa Clara County, San Jose Area.
- On July 1, the CDFA added an Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) Quarantine in Los Angeles County, [North Hills Area](#).

**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

China Publishes Implementation Rules for National Supervision and Spot Check of Several New Food Contact Material, Packaging Standards

- On June 29, the State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR) [announced](#) (in Chinese) *Implementation Rules for Supervision and Spot Checks* for 76 products. Included are the following implementing rules for standards relevant to the California Cherry Board:
 - [69. Implementation Rules for State Supervision and Spot Check on Product Quality of Composite Film Bags](#)
 - [73. Implementation Rules for State Supervision and Spot Check on Product Quality of Food Packaging Paper and Cardboard Materials](#)
 - [75. Implementation Rules for State Supervision and Spot Check on Product Quality of Food Contact Paper Materials \(2022 edition\)](#)