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## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**USDA Publishes Summary, Translation of China's Amended COVID-19 Measures**

- On July 8, the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) issued [Announcement No. 58 of 2022, Further Optimizing and Improving the Epidemic Prevention and Control Measures of Imported Cold Chain Food Ports](#). The Announcement repealed and replaced GACC [Announcement No. 103 of 2020](#) (*BCI Monitor* 7-12-22). GACC also published an [Interpretation of Announcement No. 58](#) (all links in Chinese).
- *Announcement No. 58 of 2022* repeals the mandatory suspension procedure established under *Announcement No. 103 of 2020* for products that test positive for COVID-19, but states that manufacturers may still be subject to suspension under imported food control measures established through *Decree 248* (Articles 23-24) and *Decree 249* (Article 35).
- Additionally, on July 12<sup>th</sup> the National Health Commission [issued a notice](#) revising COVID-19 prevention and control measures on imported non-cold chain foods. The notice categorizes products as high-risk or low-risk, stating that low-risk goods do not require COVID-19 testing or preventative disinfection measures while high-risk goods do not require testing but do require preventative disinfection measures. Specific conditions for low-risk classification are detailed in the notice.
- On July 28, the USDA published a [GAIN report](#) including a summary and translation of all three documents.

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**New Zealand Consults on Standard Regarding Places of First Arrival**

- New Zealand's Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) [opened consultation](#) on proposed [amendments](#) to the requirements of the *MPI Standard: Places of First Arrival (PoFA)*, which sets out the requirements for an airport or seaport to manage biosecurity risks as a PoFA for goods. MPI also published a [Risk Management Proposal](#) for the proposed amendments.
- According to the consultation summary, the amendments mostly clarify existing requirements and guidance and updates the categories of risk goods in a new Schedule 3.
- Comments can be submitted by email to [Standards@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Standards@mpi.govt.nz) by September 5, 2022.

**Update to India's Amendments to 2016 Plastic Waste Management Rules**

- On July 7, India's Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change gazetted the [Plastic Waste Management \(Second Amendment\) Rules, 2022](#) (in English starting on p. 8, *BCI Monitor* 2-1-22, 7-26-22).

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*Update to India's Amendments to 2016 Plastic Waste Management Rules (Continued)*

- In addition to amendments previously reported, Amendment 6 may exempt plastic packaging used for imported goods from rule 11(1) on marking and labeling; however, legal analysis is recommended to confirm the effect of this amendment. Revised clause 11(1)(a) exempts “plastic packaging used for imported goods” from rule 11(1), which requires marking of, *inter alia*, the thickness of plastic packaging. New clause 11(1)(d) places responsibility for this labeling on the importer, producer, or brand owner.
- The rules entered into force immediately for all amendments, except the amendment on standards for biodegradable plastic products. Until a final Indian Standard is notified by the Bureau of Indian Standards, biodegradable plastic products shall conform to tentative *Indian Standard IS 17899 T:2022* and a provisional certificate shall be issued by the Central Pollution Control Board. This exemption is in place until June 30, 2023, with imports of biodegradable plastic with a provisional certificate permitted until March 31, 2023.