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**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Canada Proposes Amendments to its Phytosanitary Import Requirements Related to Light Brown Apple Moth

- On August 5, Canada [notified the WTO](#) that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is evaluating its regulatory approach to *Epiphyas postvittana* (light brown apple moth, LBAM). CFIA proposes to amend current risk mitigation measures for LBAM to focus on commodities with the greatest risk of introducing LBAM into Canada but does not specify which commodities are considered highest risk.
- The CFIA assessment notes that the application of current LBAM risk management measures may not be aligned with plant protection principles of minimal impact and technical justification. But, may also be justified as LBAM is a pest of economic importance with potential to spread within British Columbia.
- The assessment also notes that LBAM establishment usually stems from infested nursery stock, and while it has been intercepted in some fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh fruits and vegetables for consumption are a lower risk pathway than propagative plant material.
- The review is in response to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) deregulation of LBAM in December 2021.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

UK Reminds Businesses to Move to Now Customs Declaration Service

- The United Kingdom's (UK) HM Revenue and Customs has issued a [reminder](#) to businesses to begin using the [Customs Declaration Service](#) to submit import declarations.
- Setup in the Customs Declaration Service can take several weeks to complete. On October 1, 2022, the previous system - the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) – will cease to handle import declarations.

Singapore Invites Comments on Several Standards

- Enterprise Singapore [proposed](#) to amend the standard on *Environmental labels and declarations – Self-declared environmental claims (Type II environmental labelling)* (SS ISO 14021:2017) (Identical adoption of ISO 14021: 2016/AMD 1:2021). The amendment pertains to claims regarding a product's carbon footprint.
- Copies and draft standards are available from the [Singapore Standards eShop](#).
- Comments can be submitted via email to kay_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg by October 6, 2022, using the [public comment form](#).

India Announces Rule for Sampling Imported Food for Microbial Testing

- On August 2, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published [Order No. 1831/Misc/FSSAI/Imports/2022](#) regarding sampling of foods subject to microbial parameter testing.
- According to the new Order, samples shall be taken and sealed by the Authorized Officer in aseptic conditions as per the sampling guidelines for microbiological analysis. The laboratory carrying out the analysis shall return samples that do not arrive sealed.

China Publishes Several Mandatory Food and Food Contact Material Standards

- On July 28, China's Department of Food Safety Standards and Monitoring and Evaluation [issued Announcement No. 3 of 2022](#) regarding several national mandatory food standards of interest to the California Cherry Board (links may be unstable):
 - [GB 2762-2022](#) *National Food Safety Standard Limits of Contaminants in Food*; Implementation date: June 30, 2023.
 - [GB 4789.2-2022](#) *National Food Safety Standard Determination of the total number of bacterial colonies in food microbiological examination*; Implementation date: December 30, 2022
 - [GB 4806.8-2022](#) *National Food Safety Standard Food Contact Paper and Cardboard Materials and Products*; Implementation date: June 30, 2023.
 - [GB 4806.12-2022](#) *National Food Safety Standard Bamboo and Wood Materials and Products for Food Contact*; Implementation date: December 30, 2022.
 - [GB 31604.53-2022](#) *National Food Safety Standard for Food Contact Materials and Products Determination of 5 -Ethylidene - 2 -Norborene Migration*; Implementation date: December 30, 2022.

Correction: Entry into Force Dates for Argentina's Front-of-Pack Warning Labels

- Enforcement of [Argentina's Front-of-Pack Warning Labels](#) (FOPWL) begins August 20, 2022 for most businesses and February 20, 2023 for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Incorrectly calculated enforcement dates were reported in the March 29 issue of the *BCI Monitor*.
- Fresh fruit is not subject to FOPWL regulations.