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**A REPORT FOR  
THE CALIFORNIA  
CHERRY BOARD**

## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**Australia's 2022-23 Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Risk Season Begins September 1**

- Australia [is implementing](#) *Brown marmorated stink bug* (BMSB) [seasonal measures](#) to target high risk or target risk goods manufactured in or shipped from target risk countries from 1 September until 30 April (inclusive). The United States is classified as a target risk country.
- Even though foodstuffs are not classified as either target high risk or target risk products under the biosecurity management plan, foodstuffs packed with target high risk or target risk products will be subject to the BMSB measures.

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**UK Extends Transitional Food Labeling Regulations**

- The United Kingdom (UK) is [extending](#) post-Brexit transitional measures for food labeling provisions by 15 months to the start of 2024.
- New labeling requirements which were introduced following the UK's departure from the EU will not become mandatory until January 1, 2024.
- A [memorandum](#) published by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) cites the need to provide businesses with additional time to adjust products due to global rises in energy costs and supply chain disruptions.

**FSANZ Amends Food Classifications to Clarify Standards**

- Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) gazetted [Amendment No. 211](#) to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code on September 1, 2022.
- The amendment includes revisions to [Schedule 22](#) to address inconsistencies between the foods and classes of foods and crop groups in Schedule 22 and those adopted by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and Codex Alimentarius. This is designed to provide clarity for foods referenced in Schedules 20/21 and foods referenced by other standards.

**Taiwan Invites Comments on Draft Revisions to Food Contact Material Standard**

- Taiwan's Ministry of Health and Welfare (MHW) has [notified](#) the WTO of [draft amendments](#) (proposed changes in red) to the [Sanitation standard for food utensils, containers and packages](#). MHW has also [opened a public consultation](#) on the draft amendments.
- Article 2 is amended to prohibit not only the re-use but also the sale of recycled plastic food packaging.
- Appendix footnote 4 specifies that paper packaging must be made of virgin material.
- Appendix 1 newly sets out requirements for paper packaging with various barrier layers in contact with food. Appendix 2 adds new migration limits associated with plasticizers in plastic food contact materials.

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*Taiwan Invites Comments on Draft Revisions to Food Contact Material Standard (continued)*

- The standard shall enter into force on the date of promulgation.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Inquiry Point at [us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov](mailto:us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov) until November 1, 2022

