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## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**USDA Provides Translation, Summary of China's Revised Law on Quality of Agricultural Products**

- On September 2, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislative body, passed a revised [Agricultural Product Quality and Safety Law of the People's Republic of China \(PRC\)](#) (BCI Monitor 9-13-22). The law replaces a 2006 law of the same name.
- On October 6, the USDA published a [GAIN report](#) summarizing the law and providing an unofficial English translation, with revisions marked in red ink.
- The USDA highlights that while the law is domestically focused, parts of the law could have implications for trade, such as support of expanding cold chain infrastructure (Article 33) and traceability (Article 41). The USDA also points out that the revisions remove references to geographic indications.
- The law will enter into force on January 1, 2023.

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**EU Public Consultation on Revision of Food Contact Materials Regulation**

- On October 5, the European Commission (EC) launched a [public consultation](#) on a revision of their [Regulation \(EC\) No 1935/2004](#) on food contact materials.
  - The initiative seeks to modernize the regulation's rules to:
    - Ensure food safety and public health;
    - Reduce hazardous chemicals;
    - Take into account latest science and technology; and
    - Support environmental and sustainable efforts.
- Comments can be submitted by January 11, 2023 by filling out an [online questionnaire](#).
- The EC will publish a draft regulation in the second quarter of 2023 to start the legislative procedure in European Parliament and Council.

**Malaysia Ratifies CPTPP**

- Malaysia [officially ratified](#) the [Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership \(CPTPP\)](#) on September 30 and notified New Zealand, the CPTPP depository, on October 5. The CPTPP will [enter into force](#) for Malaysia on November 29, 2022.
- The United States does not have a free trade agreement with Malaysia. The CPTPP will be Malaysia's first trade agreement with Canada, Mexico, or Peru. A summary of Malaysia's trade agreements is provided in a recent [USDA GAIN report](#).
- The CPTPP is currently in force in Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam. Brunei and Chile are signatories to the trade deal but have not yet ratified it. The United Kingdom, China, Taiwan, Ecuador, and Costa Rica have all officially applied to join the CPTPP. In April 2022, South Korea signed a resolution to join CPTPP, but has yet to formally apply (BCI Monitors 2-8-21, 6-8-21, 9-14-21, 9-21-21, 9-28-21, 4-19-22, 8-16-22).

### UK Introduces Law to End Special Status of Retained EU Law

- On September 22, the [Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Bill](#) was introduced to the United Kingdom's (UK) Parliament. If adopted, the bill ends the special status of "retained EU law" that preserved laws derived from legislation of the European Union (EU) in the UK's domestic legal framework. A government-provided [press release](#) provides a summary of the draft bill.
- If adopted in its current form, the bill would require all EU-derived legislation be either repealed or assimilated into UK domestic law by the end of 2023. Additionally, it would reverse the current order of law supremacy, reinstating domestic law as the highest form of law on the UK statute book.
- Currently, retained EU laws serve as the backbone of regulations for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), with a total of 570 related retained EU laws highlighted in the [UK Government – Retained EU Law Dashboard](#).
- On September 26, the bill was discussed during a [Food Standards Agency \(FSA\) Meeting](#). The FSA Chief Executive stated that to "simply sunset" current EU-derived laws related to FSA would risk both public health and the UK's ability to trade internationally and highlighted the potential to pass a new "Food and Feed Bill" to replace the EU laws.

### Singapore Opens Consultation on Draft Amendment to Food Labeling Standard

- On September 28, the Singapore Food Authority (SFA) [published a consultation](#) on its [draft Food \(Amendment No. X\) Regulations 2022](#), amending the [Sale of Food Act 1973](#) (Chapter 283) concerning the labeling of prepackaged foods. The draft amendment is also [notified](#) to the WTO.
- The draft amendment would require labeling of production lot and facility for traceability; labeling with food handling directions when incorrect handling would render food unsafe; and labeling of the food's country of origin with appropriate phrase such as "Country of Origin" or "Product of".
- The amendment would prohibit additional claims that are prohibited under Section 3 of the Codex General Guidelines on Claims (CXG 1-1979).
- The draft amendment includes a new regulation, requiring some label information to be provided in the sales listing of food advertised or sold online.
- Entry into force is proposed in the second quarter of 2023.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. TBT Inquiry Point at [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov). The WTO comment deadline is November 27, 2022.

### China Publishes Guidelines for New Recycling Logo Standard

- On August 25, the China National Export Commodities Packaging Research Institute [issued](#) (in Chinese) guidelines regarding Chinese standard [GB/T 18455-2022 Packaging Recycling Marking](#), which will replace [GB/T 18455-2010](#) on February 1, 2023 ([BCI Monitor 8-23-22](#)).
- An English translation is not available.