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THE CALIFORNIA  
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## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**EU Publishes Trigger Volumes for Additional Import Duties for 2023**

- On October 18, the European Union (EU) published [\*Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/1960\*](#), setting trigger volumes for additional import duties on sweet cherries for 2023.
- The trigger volume for sweet cherries under HS Code 0809.29.00 is set to 47,293 metric tons from May 16 to August 15, 2023.
- The additional import duty will be equivalent to one third of the customs duty specified in the Common Customs Tariff for the product in question according to Article 40 of [\*Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/892\*](#).
- The regulation applies from January 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024.

**India Reminds Importers to File Advance Bill of Entry in Food Import Clearance System**

- On October 12, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) [\*published\*](#) an advisory, urging food importers to file their Bill of Entry in Customs ICEGATE [\*and\*](#) on the Food Import Clearance System (FICS) before imports arrive at a port to reduce clearance time and associated demurrage charges.

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**South Korea Opens Consultation on Draft Amendment to Food Packaging Standard**

- On October 14, South Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) [\*invited\*](#) comments on the [\*draft Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Notice No. 2022-461\*](#) (in Korean), amending the *Standards and Specifications for Appliances, Containers and Packaging*. The draft amendment was also [\*notified\*](#) to the WTO.
- The amendment will align the standard with provisions in the Ministry of Environment's [\*Standard for Recycled Food Contact Materials\*](#) (in Korean) (*BCI Monitor* 5-3-22). It will further permit the use of plastic scraps to produce food packaging, if scraps are free of impurities and comply with the *Standards and Specifications for Appliances, Containers and Packaging*.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Inquiry Point at [us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov](mailto:us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). The WTO comment deadline is December 16, 2022.

### China Publishes Interim Measures on the Quality and Safety Supervision of Food-Related Products

- On October 8, China's State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) [published](#) (in Chinese) [Decree No. 62 of the SAMR on the Interim Measures on the Quality and Safety Supervision and Administration of Food Related Product](#) (in Chinese). The regulation applies not to food, but to packaging materials, containers, detergents, disinfectants used for food, and tools and equipment used for food production and operation (Article 34).
- The regulation specifies the responsibilities of manufacturers, sellers, and regulators in the production, sale, and supervision of food-related products within China. The law does not explicitly mention imports.
  - Of note, the regulation stipulates labeling requirements, including requiring the name of the food-related product; the name, address and contact information of the producer; production date and shelf life (if applicable); implementation standards; material and category; precautions and or warning information; and other items that should be marked as required by other mandatory laws or standards (Article 15)
- The measure will enter into force on March 1, 2023.

### UK Introduces Electronic Trade Documents Bill in Parliament

- On October 12, the United Kingdom (UK) [introduced](#) the draft [Electronic Trade Documents Bill](#) in Parliament, permitting the use of digital documents for:
  - a bill of exchange
  - a promissory note
  - a bill of lading
  - a ship's delivery order
  - a warehouse receipt
  - a mate's receipt
  - a marine insurance policy
  - a cargo insurance certificate
- Electronic trade documents shall replicate the key features of paper trade documents.
- The bill will now be assessed in the House of Lords and the House of Commons before being submitted for Royal Assent.