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## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**South Korea Gazettes Amendments to Food Standards and Specifications**

- On October 25, Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) gazetted [Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Notice No. 2022-76](#) (in Korean), amending the *Food Standards and Specifications* under the [Food Sanitation Act](#) (*BCI Monitor* 7-26-22).
- Of interest to CCB, the amendment revises certain pesticide and clarifies methods for collecting bulk samples from ships.
- The amendments entered into force upon publication.

**Australia Consultation on Biosecurity Funding**

- Australia has [notified the WTO](#) that it is seeking to establish "more sustainable" levels of biosecurity funding. Potentially relevant funding options that the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has outlined for consideration include:
  - Expanded or reformed industry cost recovery arrangements (at border and pre-border)
  - Various air and sea freight, conveyance or container levies
  - A revenue source from beneficiaries of the biosecurity system
- DAFF has outlined potentially relevant opportunities to:
  - Expand the delivery of biosecurity services to third parties (both within and outside of government, where it is safe and mutually beneficial to do so)
  - Grow investment into systems and technologies that both improve risk management and drive efficiency into the system (for users and government)
  - Remove unnecessary compliance costs from the system through changes to policy and practice that incentivize good behavior and remove redundant requirements
- Full details can be found in a related [DAFF discussion paper](#). DAFF [launched a consultation](#) on the above proposals with specific question areas outlined on pages 10-12 of the discussion paper. The consultation is open through November 28, 2022. Feedback will be used to develop recommendations for presentation to the Australian government in 2023

**Brazil Adopts Resolution on Regenerated Cellulose Films in Contact with Food**

- On November 4, Brazil's Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) [notified the WTO](#) of its adoption of [Resolution - RDC No. 755/2022](#), a technical regulation on regenerated cellulose films in contact with food (*BCI Monitor* 1-11-22).
- The resolution entered into force on the date of publication, October 19, 2022.

**A REPORT FOR  
THE CALIFORNIA  
CHERRY BOARD**

### Thailand Publishes Guidance on Safety Assessments for Plastic Packaging

- Thailand's Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA) published [risk assessment guidelines for certain plastic packaging](#) and [the names of competent organizations recognized by the Thai FDA](#) for the risk assessment (in Thai) (*BCI Monitors 2-1-22, 6-28-22*).
- The announcements are not amenable to machine translation.
- The guidelines appear to further the implementation of [No. 435 B.E. 2022 on Quality or Standards of Plastic Containers](#), which came into force in June 2022 and stipulated that plastic food packaging materials, other than those listed in its Annex I, require a risk assessment.