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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Chilean Cherries Face MRL Violation in Taiwan

- The Association of Chilean Fruit Exporters (ASOEX) [announced](#) (in Spanish) that between November 24 and December 13, 2022, nine shipments of cherries were rejected by the Taiwan Food & Drug Agency (TFDA) for containing residues of Cyantraniliprole at low levels. Taiwan does not have an established Maximum Residue Level (MRL) for the pesticide on cherries.
- ASOEX says that Chilean cherries are now being “fully monitored” as a result. In an ASOEX-provided [English translation](#), the TFDA warns the Chilean industry that if Chile fails to provide a report explaining the detections by February 5, inspections of Chilean cherries would be suspended.
- According to [Taiwanese media reports](#), Taiwan has rejected 8.4 tons of cherries and is currently considering expanding inspections to cover 100 percent of Chilean cherry shipments, up from the current 20-50 percent rate.

Update on Recent Draft Amendments to India's Labeling Standard

- On January 5, India [notified the WTO](#) of the *Draft Food Safety Standards (Labelling & Display) Amendment Regulations, 2022*, amending the [Food Safety and Standards \(Labelling & Display\) Regulations, 2020](#) (July 2022 compendium linked).
- On January 6, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a Direction to [re-operationalize](#) the notified draft *Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & Display) Amendment Regulations, 2022* (as attached to the Direction), until the final regulations are promulgated. The draft labeling and display regulations had already been operationalized by [Direction File No: STD/SP-08/A1.2022/N-01-Part \(1\)](#) on July 1, 2022, and were published for comments on December 1, 2022 (*BCI Monitor 12-13-22*).
- Of note to CCB, the draft amendments clarify which agricultural products, including minimally processed fruit, are exempt from mandatory nutrition labeling, and revise labeling requirements for non-retail containers (*BCI Monitor 12-13-22*).
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. TBT Inquiry Point at usatbtep@nist.gov. The WTO comment deadline is March 6, 2023.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Chinese Recycling Logo Recommended Standard Enters into Force

- On February 1, China's National Standardization Administration's standard [GB/T 18455-2022 Packaging Recycling Marking](#) (in Chinese) will enter into force (*BCI Monitor 8-23-22, 10-11-22*).
- The China National Export Commodities Packaging Research Institute [provides](#) (in Chinese) guidelines regarding the recommended standard. An English translation is not available.

**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

South Korea Updates Food Packaging Standards Related to Use of Recycled Food Contact Materials

- On December 29, South Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) published [MFDS Notice No. 2022-97](#) (in Korean), amending Article 2(1) of the *Standards and Specifications for utensils, containers and packaging rule*.
- According to machine translation, new provisions for recycled food contact materials are established, reflecting legislation recently promulgated in this field (*BCI Monitor* 8-2-22, 12-20-22).
- The amendment entered into force on December 29, 2022.

South Korea Invites Comments on Amendments to Labeling and Advertising Regulation

- On January 9, South Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) [notified the WTO](#) of [Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Notice No. 2022 - 593](#) (in Korean), inviting comments on several amendments to the *Standard for Determining Unfair Labelling and Advertising of Foods*.
- Based on machine translation of the summary, the amendments may pertain to advertising of nutritional content.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. TBT Inquiry Point at usatbtep@nist.gov. The WTO comment deadline is March 10, 2023.