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General Issues of Interest to the CCB:**South Africa Introduces Draft Food Labeling Regulations, Including Front-of-Pack Warning Labels**

- On January 31, South Africa's Department of Health gazetted draft [*Regulations Relating to the Labelling and Advertising of Foodstuffs*](#) for public comment. The regulations introduce a host of labeling changes to South Africa, including the introduction of mandatory front of pack nutrition labeling (FOPL). Food labeling and advertising are currently governed by regulation [*R146/2010*](#) of the same title as amended by [*R45/2012*](#).
- Of note to the California Cherry Board, fresh, unprocessed fruit is exempted from requirements regarding labeling unless an energy, health, ingredient content or nutrition claim is made (Regulation 74). Extensive revisions have been made to the requirements for health and nutritional claims (Parts IV and V).
- Additionally, for country of origin labeling, imported or locally produced single ingredient agricultural commodities in bulk may be labeled with the words "Product of (name of country)" separated by the expression "and or", in cases where more than one country may be the source (Regulation 6).
- Per Regulation 76, the regulations will enter into force 24 months after the date of publication, except for the following:
 - Regulations 49 to 73, including FOPL and changes to health and nutritional claims, enter into force 12 months after the date of publication.
- Comments are due by April 30, 2022. Instructions for comment are on the first page of the draft regulation.

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