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## Specific Issues of Interest to the CCB:

## China Notifies Updated Phytosanitary Certificate

- China [notified](#) the WTO of an updated template for [phytosanitary certificates](#) and [phytosanitary certificates for re-export](#).
- The new certificates will be used from June 1, 2023. A transition period will be in place until December 31, 2023, during which both the old and new version will be accepted.
- The proposed date of adoption and publication of the new templates is May 31, 2023. 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 May 31, 2023.

## USDA Publishes Report on Tariff Reductions Under U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement

- A recent USDA GAIN [report](#) highlights the reduction and elimination of tariffs on U.S. exports under the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA). The latest round of reductions occurred on April 1, marking year five of USJTA implementation.
- Of note to CCB, the remaining Japanese tariff on U.S. sweet cherries (HS 0809.29) has been eliminated. The value of Japanese cherry imports from the U.S. in 2022 was \$27.43 million.
- Japanese Customs requires importers to submit a country of origin declaration to claim preferential tariff treatment under the USJTA. USDA provides [USJTA rules of origin and origin procedures](#).

## General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

## USDA Provides English Translation of Chinese Food Contact Material Draft Amendment

- On March 6, China [notified the WTO](#) of a draft amendment to *GB 9685-2016 on the use of additive for food contact materials and articles*. The draft standard had previously been made available for comment (in Chinese) in February (*BCI Monitor* 3-7-23, 2-14-23).
- The USDA recently published a [GAIN report](#) with an unofficial English translation of the amendment.
- 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 May 5, 2023.

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