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- On February 1, Vietnam's Ministry of Health [published](#) a draft [Circular on the Guidelines for Nutrition Labeling for Foods](#) (in Vietnamese), amending regulation published under the same title in April 2022 (*BCI Monitor* 4-19-22).
- Cherries are still exempted from the regulation as "products consisting of a single ingredient."
- Based on machine translation, amendments of interest to CCB include:
 - Clarifying the nutrition labeling regulations and adding that within 5 years from entry into force, all foods and beverages must have total sugar labeling.
 - Exempting food and beverage products that do not contain one or more of the identified nutritional components or have a value that is less than the value specified in Appendix II from the nutritional labeling requirements.
 - Stating that establishments may voluntarily include the percentage reference nutritional values for nutritional components. If an establishment includes the percentages, it must comply with regulations in Appendix I.
 - Changing the reference nutritional value of protein in Appendix I from 70 to 50 grams.
 - Updating Appendix III listing foods not required to include nutritional facts due to their containing small amounts of the nutritional component.
- The circular enters into force in May 2023. Foods produced, imported, traded, and circulated in Vietnam must carry compliant nutrition labels by March 31, 2025. Foods that do not comply with the updated nutrition labeling requirements but were imported before March 31, 2025, may continue to be sold until their expiration dates.

General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

Brazil Adopts Amendments to Cellulose Packaging Material Regulation

- On May 26, Brazil [notified the WTO](#) that it adopted technical [Resolution 798, May 19, 2023](#) (in Portuguese) on cellulosic materials, packaging, and equipment intended to come into contact with food, amending *Resolution of the Collegiate Board - RDC No. 88, of June 29, 2016* (*BCI Monitor* 1-11-22). This resolution incorporates [Mercosur Resolution 26/2022](#) (in Spanish) adopted on November 17.
- The amendment relates to Part I of *RDC No. 88* and adds requirements related to the migration of pigments and dyes.
- The resolution entered into force on the date of its publication and includes a 6-month transition period.

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