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General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

Canada Opens Consultation on Modernization of Food Compositional Standards

- On June 23, Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) [opened a consultation](#) on a proposal to modernize its process for modifying or establishing food compositional standards using incorporation by reference.
- More than 500 food compositional standards for 20 categories of food are included in the [Food and Drug Regulations \(FDR\)](#) and related [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations \(SFCR\)](#) and are also [incorporated by reference \(IBR\)](#) into these regulations.
- Health Canada and CFIA are seeking to modernize the regulatory process to address non-health and safety aspects of the compositional standards through IBR documents to allow for more efficient updates without the need to amend regulation texts.
- CFIA has published a consultation [discussion paper](#) setting out the anticipated process – including criteria for screening modification requests, prioritization, and consolidating requests – and is seeking feedback on the proposed strategy.
- The consultation is open until September 22, 2023. Health Canada and CFIA are requesting that stakeholders complete the [online questionnaire](#) or send feedback through e-mail at cfia.StandardsGradesModernization-Normesclassment.acia@inspection.gc.ca.

Japan Notifies Amendment to Requirements for Synthetic Resin Food Contact Materials

- On June 22, Japan [notified](#) the WTO of a Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (MHLW) [amendment](#) (in English) to the *Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc.*, revising specifications for synthetic resin used in food contact materials.
- This amendment will enter into force simultaneously with Japan's larger positive list system for approved substances in food contact materials, on June 1, 2025. A [MHLW guide on the positive list system](#) (in Japanese) provides detailed information and relevant updates.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Inquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is August 21, 2023.

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