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UK Notifies Amendments to EU Retained Legislation on Pest Measures

- The United Kingdom (UK) [notified the WTO](#) regarding planned amendments to retained EU regulations ([Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2072](#)) regarding pest measures for England, Scotland, and Wales.
- The notification provides a summary of the changes, which include deregulation of certain quarantine pests as well as the addition of new quarantine pests.
- Of potential interest to the CCB, the notification specifies that *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *Persicae* will be removed from the Annex 2 quarantine pest lists.
- The proposed date of adoption is November 2, 2023. The proposed date of entry into force for this measure is November 24, 2023.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Inquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is September 25, 2023.

Taiwan Amends Quarantine Requirements for Wood Packaging Material

- The Taiwan Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine [published an amendment](#) (in Chinese) to its [Quarantine Requirements for Wood Packaging Material used in Imported Commodity](#).
- According to machine translation, the revision updates the process of inspection and quarantine for wood packaging material that is not certified as meeting [International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 \(ISPM 15\)](#).
- The amendments enter into force August 1, 2023.

General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

EU Amends Approved Plastic Food Contact Materials

- On July 12, the European Union (EU) issued [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1442](#) amending the Annex to [Regulation \(EU\) 10/2011](#), which provides the positive list of substances approved for use in food contact plastics.
- Specific substances have been added, removed, or modified within Table 1 of the Annex and three group restrictions in Table 2 have been modified.
- Exporters are encouraged to work with their packaging suppliers to ensure compliance.
- The Regulations entered into force immediately with an 18 month grace period. Articles placed on the market before February 1, 2025 may remain on the market until the exhaustion of stocks.

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