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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

USDA Publishes Stone Fruit Annual Report for Australia

- On September 27, the USDA published its [annual report](#) on stone fruit for Australia.
- In marketing year (MY) 2023/24, Australian stone fruit production is forecast to increase to 20,000 metric tons (MT), from an estimated 17,000 MT in MY 2022/23.
- Consumption is expected to increase by 18% in MY 2023/24 to 17,000 MT from MY 2022/23's 15,600 MT.
- Australian cherry exports are expected to increase to 5,000 MT in MY 2023/24, from an estimated 2,900 MT in MY 2022/23. This would be the second highest level on record. The primary export destinations for Australian cherries are Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, Taiwan, and China, and most exports occur between November and March.
- Cherry imports for MY 2023/24 are forecast at 2,000 MT, up from 1,500 MT in MY 2022/23. All of these imported cherries come from the United States. Most imports occur between May and August.
- The abnormally wet spring weather, labor shortages, and high air freight costs of MY 2022/23 have abated, leading to this rise for production, consumption, exports, and imports.

Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine Areas Established

- Effective September 29, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has established an Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) quarantine zone in the Redlands and Yucaipa areas of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.
- [Maps of the new quarantine boundaries](#) are provided on the CDFA website.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

China Publishes Draft Product Geographic Indication Regulation

- On September 18, China's National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) [published](#) (in Chinese) draft *Provisions on the Protection of Geographic Indication (GI) Products* for feedback.
- A USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) GAIN [report](#) provides an English translation of the updated draft regulation and a comparison to the current regulation that it will replace.
- Notably, oversight of geographical indications would be transitioned to the CNIPA. The draft regulation includes new language in Chapter 4 (Articles 24-32) which establishes a standardized geographical indication system, reporting requirements, change applications, and challenges.
- Comments can be sent to tiaofasi@cnipagov.cn before November 2, 2023. The draft does not indicate a specific proposed date of entry into force.

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