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A REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA CHERRY BOARD

SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Taiwan Notifies Additional Quarantine Pests

- On October 16, Taiwan's Ministry of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency [notified the WTO](#) regarding [revisions](#) to the *Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants and Plant Products*.
- The amendments include the addition of the following quarantine pests of relevance to stone fruit: 1) *Apomyelois ceratoniae*; 2) *Coscinoptycha improbana*; and 3) *Grapholita dimorpha*.
- The proposed date of entry into force of the change is November 11, 2023.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Inquiry Point at us.spsequirypoint@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is November 11, 2023.

EU Publishes Trigger Volumes for Additional Import Duties for 2024

- On October 10, the European Union (EU) published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2110](#), setting trigger volumes for additional import duties on sweet cherries for 2024.
- The trigger volume for sweet cherries under HS code 0809.29 is set to 41,293 metric tons from May 16 to August 15, 2024.
- The additional import duty will be equivalent to one third of the customs duty specified in the Common Customs Tariff for the product in question according to Article 40 of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/892](#).

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Argentina Gazettes Regulation on the Use of Health Claims in Advertising

- On September 27, Argentina's National Administration of Drug, Food, and Medical Technology (ANMAT) gazetted [Provision No. 8095/2023](#), repealing Articles 1 and 2 of [ANMAT Provision No. 7730/2011](#) (links in Spanish) on Health Property Declaration (DPS) labeling for pre-packaged foods (*BCI Monitor* 7-25-23).
- According to machine translation, the provision applies to the DPS of pre-packaged foods and non-alcoholic beverages for the purposes of advertising or when applying to the competent health authority for inclusion in the National Food Product Registry (RNPA):
 - DPS is defined in the *Codex Guidelines for the use of Nutritional and Health Claims* (CAC/GL 23-1997, 2010 revision) as any representation that states, suggests, or implies that there is a relationship between a food (or a component of said food) and health. DPS are classified into three categories: nutrition function statements (the physiological role of a nutrient in growth, development, and normal functions in an organism), statements of other functions (describes specific beneficial effects), and disease risk reduction statements.
 - DPS applicants must meet the requirements described in the Annex to the draft Recommendations.
 - DPS products will be subject to inspection and monitoring programs.
- The provision entered into force on the day of its publication in Argentina's Official Bulletin.

India Re-operationalizes Food and Safety Standards for Labeling and Display

- On October 17, India's Food and Safety Standards Authority (FSSAI) issued a [Direction](#) to re-operationalize the *Labelling and Display Amendment Regulations of 2022*, which modifies the [Food Safety and Standards \(Labelling and Display\) Regulations of 2020](#).
- As reported previously, the Amendment clarifies that minimally processed fruit is exempt from mandatory nutrition labeling. Further, labeling requirements for non-retail containers (Regulation 10) are revised by item (3) of the Amendment (*BCI Monitors 12-13-22, 1-10-23*).