

DECEMBER 5, 2023

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- **UK Updates Guidance on Importing Fresh Fruit under BTOM**

Specific Issues of Interest to the CCB:**UK Updates Guidance on Importing Fresh Fruit under BTOM**

- On December 1, the United Kingdom's (UK) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) [updated](#) its guidance on *Importing and exporting fresh fruit and vegetables*.
- Starting April 30, 2024, under the UK's new Border Target Operating Model (BTOM) framework for import controls and border biosecurity regime, imports of low-risk fruit and vegetables will no longer need to go through plant health controls, including:
 - Obtaining a phytosanitary certificate for consignments.
 - Pre-notifying the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) in England and Wales or the Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA) in Scotland about consignments.
- Medium risk fruit and vegetable imports will still need to go through these plant health controls.
- The UK published its [risk categories for plants and plant products imports from non-EU countries to Great Britain](#) on November 9 (*BCI Monitors 4-14-23, 8-29-23, 11-14-23*).

**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

Bryant Christie Inc. – Seattle
1418 Third Avenue, Suite 300
Seattle, WA 98101
Phone: (206) 292-6340 Fax: (206) 292-6341

Bryant Christie Inc. – Sacramento
2005 "I" Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95811
Phone: (916) 492-7062 Fax: (916) 492-7061