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Specific Issues of Interest to the CCB:

Thailand Clarifies Export Certificate Requirements

- On January 24, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS) [published](#) a GAIN report clarifying Thailand's requirements for copies of export certificates accompanying U.S.-origin imported foods, including fresh fruit.
- The report is based on a clarification USDA FAS received from the Thai Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA). According to the clarification, copies of export certificates should have one of the following:
 - A certification by the issuing agency.
 - The original seal of a U.S. Notary Public, Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner of Oaths, or a Justice of Peace.
- If the certificate does not specify a validity period, the Thai FDA considers it valid for one year. Additionally, if the certificate is registered in the [Thai FDA electronic system](#) (in Thai), the Thai FDA allows the use of the same original or copy of the certificate for multiple shipments of an identical product by the same importer.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

China Labeling of Prepackaged Foods Standard Consultation Draft Available

- As reported in the January 23 edition of the *BCI Monitor*, the Food Safety Standards, Monitoring and Evaluation Department of China's National Health Commission released [Food Standard Secretariat Announcement \[2024\] No. 1](#) (in Chinese) on January 19, soliciting comments on four draft standards, including a revision to *GB 7718-2011 General Rules for Labeling of Prepackaged Foods* (*BCI Monitor 1-23-24*).
- A copy of the [draft GB 7718 standard](#) (in Chinese) has been provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS), which plans to publish an English translation.
- Comments are due by February 29, 2024, and may be submitted online through China's [National Food Safety Standard Management Information System](#).

USDA Publishes English Translation of Vietnam Nutrition Labeling Regulation

- On January 25, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS) published a [GAIN Report](#) providing an unofficial English translation and summary of the Vietnamese Ministry of Health's [Circular No. 29/2023/TT-BYT](#) (in Vietnamese), specifying requirements for mandatory nutrition labeling of pre-packaged foods imported, traded, produced, and circulated in Vietnam (*BCI Monitor 1-9-24*).

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