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Specific Issues of Interest to the CCB:

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- On December 30, Vietnam's Ministry of Health published <u>Circular No.</u> <u>29/2023/TT-BYT</u> (in Vietnamese), specifying requirements for mandatory nutrition labeling of pre-packaged foods imported, traded, produced, and circulated in Vietnam. The finalized circular follows an initial 2022 draft and a 2023 revised draft (*BCI Monitor 5-30-23*).
- Of note, cherries are exempt from the regulation under *Chapter 1, Article 1* as "...products consisting of a single ingredient".
- The circular enters into force on February 15, 2024, and foods must carry compliant nutrition labels by January 1, 2026. Noncompliant foods that were imported before January 1, 2026, may continue to be sold until their expiration dates.

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