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Specific Issues of Interest to the CCB:

Canada Opens Consultation on Proposed Changes to Net Quantity Units of Measurement for Non-Retail Containers of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

- On May 28, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) <u>opened a consultation</u> seeking feedback on proposed changes to allow the use of count for net quantity declaration on non-retail containers of fresh fruit or vegetables. On May 30, Canada also <u>notified</u> the WTO.
- Under the current <u>Units of Measurement for the Net Quantity Declaration of</u> <u>Certain Foods</u>, most fresh fruits and vegetables in non-retail containers – including cherries – must declare net quantity by weight.
- The proposed change does not apply to non-retail containers of fresh fruits and vegetables where the unit of measure must be shown as weight according to Item 1 of Table 3 of the current requirements which covers "Fresh fruits or vegetables packaged in a bag, other than those for which the net quantity has to be declared by numerical count in accordance with a provision of this table or table 1."
- The proposed dates of adoption and entry into force of the changes are to be determined.
- Comments may be submitted by June 27, 2024, to <u>cfia.labellingconsultation-</u> <u>etiquetage.acia@inspection.gc.ca</u> with "Units of Measurement Consultation" included in the subject line. Comments to the WTO can be sent to the U.S. TBT Inquiry Point at <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</u> by June 26, 2024.

General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

U.S. Seeks Comments on U.S.-Brazil Commercial Dialogue Agenda

- On June 3, the U.S. International Trade Administration (ITA) and Department of Commerce (DC) <u>published</u> a request for comments on potential topics for an upcoming commercial dialogue with Brazil on September 19, 2024.
- The dialogue is meant to prevent, reduce, and remove non-tariff barriers to trade. The current agenda includes the following topics:
 - Good regulatory practices
 - o Standards, metrology and conformity assessments
 - Trade in the digital economy
 - Customs and trade facilitation
 - \circ $\,$ $\,$ Trade and sustainable development $\,$
- Comments on existing topics and proposals for new topics are due by July 31, 2024, and can be submitted via email to <u>brazildesk@trade.gov</u>.

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