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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

China Notifies Changes to Quarantine Pest List

- On June 28, China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) [notified](#) the WTO of [amendments to China's quarantine pest list](#) (in Chinese).
- The amendments add 47 pests to China's quarantine pest list.
- According to the WTO notice, the dates of adoption, publication, and entry into force are yet to be determined. However, machine translation of China's announcement indicates changes are effective from the date of publication.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Inquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is August 27, 2024.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

U.S.-Africa Trade Desk Secures First Deal Boosting U.S.-Africa Trade

- The [U.S.-Africa Trade Desk](#) (USATD), launched by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in March 2024, recently secured its first deal facilitating agricultural exports from Africa to the U.S. Additional details are available via USATD and provided in a Prosper Africa [news release](#).
- The U.S.-Africa Trade Desk is set to facilitate at least \$300 million in export sales from Africa to the United States through 2025. The platform is designed to help address supply chain logistics and marketing issues and is initially focused on specialty crops including citrus and stone fruit.

EU Notifies Latest Draft Ban on BPA Use in Food Contact Materials

- On June 26, the European Commission (EC) [notified the WTO](#) of its latest [Draft Commission Regulation](#) (with [Annex](#)) to prohibit the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in food contact materials (FCMs), which would amend *Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* and repeal *Regulation (EU) 2018/213*. This follows the European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) [re-evaluation research](#) finding that dietary exposure to BPA is a health concern.
- Article 3 prohibits the use of BPA and its salts in the manufacture and the placing on the European Union (EU) market of the following FCMs manufactured using BPA: varnishes and coatings, printing inks, adhesives, ion-exchange resins, and rubbers. The new draft also now includes plastics and silicones. The section in the [previous draft](#) about permitting the use of BPA as a precursor in the synthesis of bisphenol-A diglycidyl ether (BADGE) has been deleted. Article 3 (2) allows BPA and its salts to be used in the manufacture of FCMs for a specific application as set out in Annex II and new Article 6.
- Other bisphenols and bisphenol derivatives listed in Annex VI Part 3 of *Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008* are also prohibited from being placed on the EU market, unless the conditions listed in Article 5 are fulfilled.

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EU Notifies Latest Draft Ban on BPA Use in Food Contact Materials (Cont.)

- Newly added Article 4 prohibits food contact materials that have been manufactured using other bisphenol or bisphenol derivatives from containing any residual BPA.
- Articles 7-9 outline the BPA monitoring and reporting requirements manufacturers placing the FCMs on the EU market must follow. The section requiring the manufacturer of FCMs with BADGE-based heavy-duty varnishes and coatings and paper and board FCMs containing recycled materials to monitor for the presence of BPA has been deleted.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Inquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is August 25, 2024.
- Final FCMs lawfully placed on the market before the end of the applicable transition period can be sold until stocks are exhausted.
- The regulation is proposed to enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union, with a proposed date of adoption in November 2024 and date of publication in December 2025. An 18-month transition period will be given for most final FCMs containing BPA and they may be sold until stocks are depleted.