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General Issues of Interest to the CCB:**USDA Publishes Report on China's Draft Labeling of Prepackaged Food Standard**

- On July 22, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS) published a [GAIN Report](#) providing an unofficial English translation and highlighting revisions to China's recently [notified](#) fourth edition [draft](#) (in Chinese) *General Principles for the Labeling of Prepackaged Foods* standard, replacing *GB 7718-2011* with the same title ([English translation of current standard](#)) (*BCI Monitors 7-9-24, 7-16-24*).
- Notably, China has published and notified the WTO of proposed amendments to *GB 7718-2011* several times in 2024 and USDA FAS has also published several GAIN Reports providing unofficial English translations of the drafts (*BCI Monitors 1-30-24, 2-13-24, 2-20-24, 3-19-24*).
- Of interest to CCB, the latest draft edition includes the modification of the definition of prepackaged foods to include "foods packaged or made up in advance in a package and a container that are sold in measured quantity." It is currently unclear if these modifications impact cherries, which are not subject to the current standard *GB 7718-2011*.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Inquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is August 16, 2024.

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