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Vietnam Opens Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Food Safety Law

- On August 15, the Vietnam Food Administration (VFA) [opened a consultation](#) (in Vietnamese) regarding proposed amendments to the country's [Food Safety Law](#).
- The consultation provides the full proposal, a report on the impact of proposed amendments, a summary report of prior implementation of the Law, and a detailed outline of the draft amendments. According to machine translation, the outline of the draft amendments includes the following:
 - Requiring the registration and product declaration of imported food packaging and containers before being circulated on the market.
 - Adding obligations for vehicles transporting all types of food, including fresh fruit.
- Feedback may be submitted through the VFA [consultation page](#) by September 14, 2024.

General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

Brazilian Registration Framework for Food and Food Packaging Enters into Force

- On September 1, 2024, Brazil's [Resolution of the Collegiate Board \(RDC\) N° 843 of February 22, 2024](#), and [Normative Instruction– IN N° 281 of February 22, 2024](#) (both in Portuguese), will enter into force to address regulatory gaps in food and food packaging regulations (*BCI Monitors 9-20-22, 3-5-24*).
- As previously reported, *RDC N° 843* sets out the framework and procedures for the registration of food and food packaging in the National Health Surveillance System (SNVS), while accompanying *IN N° 281* establishes the food and packaging categories and provides the respective documentation that must be presented.
- According to machine translation, within *IN N° 281*:
 - Annex II defines the different categories of food and packaging required to be notified to the National Health Surveillance Agency ANVISA.
 - Annex III defines the different categories of food and packaging for which the start of imports must be notified to the health authority of the State, Federal District, or Municipality.
 - Annex IV defines the different categories of food and packaging not subject to registration with SNVS.
 - Of note, general food packaging, food packaging made of recycled food grade PET, and food with functional or health claims are mentioned in the Annexes. However, based on Annex IV and *RDC N° 843*'s definition, fresh fruit in its natural state is exempted from registration or notification requirements.
 - Annex V establishes documents and procedures for communication and registration with the competent authority.

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