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## General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

## UK Withdraws Plans for ‘Not for EU’ Labeling Requirements

- On September 30, the United Kingdom’s (UK) Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) [published](#) a [Policy Update](#) regarding “Not for EU” labeling requirements for green lane goods under the UK-EU Windsor Framework (*BCI Monitors 3-7-23, 2-6-24*).
- The Policy Update announces that the UK government reviewed comments received from its [consultation](#) earlier in 2024 and has decided not to proceed with the introduction of “Not for EU” labelling on a mandatory basis for most retail food products in Great Britain (England, Wales, and Scotland).
- The draft labeling requirements would have applied to goods of plant origin, meat and dairy products, composite products, food contact materials, and other foods if prepacked for retail sale, with exceptions, and would have applied from July 1, 2025.
- The UK government will continue to monitor the situation and may apply the “Not for EU” labeling in the future if needed.

## Australia Opens Consultation on Packaging Regulations, Circular Economy

- On September 27, Australia’s Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water published [a consultation paper](#) on a reform of packaging regulation.
- In an effort to establish a circular economy, Australia seeks feedback on three potential packaging reform options:
  - **Option 1:** Strengthen the administration of the existing co-regulatory arrangement between industry and government ([pg. 28](#)).
  - **Option 2:** Establish mandatory regulations for packaging circularity, including potential material bans, design requirements, and labeling requirements ([pg. 31](#)).
  - **Option 3:** Establish a national extended producer responsibility (EPR) scheme as well as implement the regulations outlined in option two ([pg. 33](#)).
- [Section 5.8](#) includes a table comparing the potential packaging obligations of each option. Of particular interest, options two and three outline potential packaging bans, labeling requirements, minimum recycled content requirements, and an EPR scheme.
- Potential recyclability labeling is discussed further in [Section 5.10](#), while [Section 5.11](#) explores potential recycled content thresholds for various materials.
- Australia has indicated no implementation dates beyond committing to selecting a preferred regulatory option in 2025 and to provide industry with ample transition time, regardless of selected option.
- The comment deadline is October 28 and comments may be submitted via the survey on the [consultation landing page](#).

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