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**Specific Issues of Interest to the CCB:****Chile Lowers Cherry Export Estimate**

- In October, the Chilean Cherry Committee released its first export estimate for the 2024/25 season, projecting 131.6 million 5kg boxes equivalent to 657,000 tons, representing a 59% increase over last year.
- According to recent [media reporting](#), the Chilean Federation of Fruit Producers has warned the projection for fresh cherry exports could decrease. A survey of producers revealed many were reporting premature shedding of fruit from the tree before becoming fully ripe, mainly of the Regina variety. Peak harvest season is expected to begin next week.
- The latest [reporting](#) (in Spanish) indicates a new export estimate of 124 million boxes (620,000 tons), still a 50% increase versus last season. China is the primary market for Chilean cherries, accounting for 91% of exports in 2023/24. Larger expected export volumes compared to previous seasons are bringing industry attention to the need for export diversification to other Asian markets including Vietnam, Thailand, and India.

**General Issues of Interest to the CCB:****UK Announces Relaunch of Trade Agreement Talks with India**

- The UK [announced](#) the relaunch of UK-India free trade agreement negotiations in 2025 after discussions with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G20 summit.
- India, the world's fifth-largest economy, represents a key opportunity for the UK to boost exports and reduce tariffs.
- The UK Government also stated it is restarting negotiations with other partners including the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Switzerland, and South Korea. Notably, the UK is set to join the CPTPP on December 15.
- UK-India trade is valued at approximately \$52.6 billion annually, with UK exports worth roughly \$20.8 billion

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