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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

South African Cherry Industry Expands, Seeks Export Markets

- According to [media](#) reports, South African cherry orchards expanded 54% between 2019 and 2023. The majority of this expansion has been to meet growing local demand. However, with supply expanding, growers are now looking internationally to sell excess cherries abroad.
- Markets of particular interest to South African growers appear to be China, the United Kingdom, the European Union, and the Middle East. Notably, these markets are already well-developed for the much larger South African citrus trade and other fresh fruits.

Peru Inaugurates New Port, Chilean Fruit Producers Raise Concerns Over Logistical Competitiveness

- On November 14, the Peruvian port of Chancay—a joint venture between China and Peru—was inaugurated and will cut transit time of goods from Peru to Asia to 23 days from the current 35 to 40 days.
- According to [media reports](#), the Federation of Fruit Producers of Chile (Fedefruta) responded to the port's inauguration with concern for the Chilean fruit export market's competitiveness in the Asian market.
- Chile does not expect to have a comparable deep-water port until at least 2032, putting the country's fruit producers on the back foot relative to their Peruvian counterparts.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Taiwan Notifies Draft Amendment to Recyclability Symbol Labeling Regulation

- On December 2, Taiwan's Ministry of Environment [notified the WTO](#) of [Draft Amendments to the Scope of the Enterprises Responsible for Placing Relevant Recycling Symbols on Goods and Containers, the Size and Placement of the Symbols, and other Requirements](#) (in Chinese, [English Translation](#)), setting the dates for required recycling logo labeling.
- This draft amendment is in conjunction with Taiwan's 2023 amendment of [The Scopes for the Articles and the Packaging and Containers Thereof and the Enterprises Responsible for Recycling, Clearance and Disposal](#) (in Chinese) to include inner plastic trays and bubble shell/blister packaging (referred to as 'flat packaging material') in its list of packaging that must be recycled beginning May 2025 (*BCI Monitor* 5-7-24). Of note, page 9 of the MOE's [Major Environmental Policies December 2022](#) provides a graphic picturing the flat plastic packaging materials with examples.
- This draft amendment requires manufacturers and importers of inner plastic trays and blister packaging who must register as responsible enterprises between May 1, 2025 - July 31, 2026, to label their packaging with the appropriate recycling symbols by October 31, 2026. Section 5 of the draft amendment contains the newly added recycling symbols.

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THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

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- Of note, the recycling symbol should only be used once for items packaged with the same plastic material contained in one product. For products with different plastic materials contained in the same product, each material must be labeled with its corresponding symbol.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. TBT Inquiry Point at usatbtep@nist.gov. The WTO comment deadline is January 31, 2025. The proposed date of adoption is February 28, 2025, and the proposed date of entry into force is February 28, 2027.