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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

U.S. Cherries Included on Taiwan's Enhanced Border Inspection List for 2025

- On December 31, 2024, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) [announced](#) (in Chinese) that U.S.-origin cherries will remain on the enhanced border inspection list through December 31, 2025.
- As previously reported, cherries appeared on Taiwan's enhanced inspection list in 2024 for import violations in 2023 (*BCI Monitor 1-9-24*).
- The TFDA defines enhanced border inspection as a rate of inspection from 20 to 50 percent.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Japan Notifies Revisions to Food Contact Material Standards

- On January 14, Japan's Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) [notified](#) the WTO of a revision of the specifications and standards for apparatus, containers, and packaging (ACP) under the *Food Sanitation Act*.
- The revision will establish a system to allow the use of new substances not currently listed in Japan's Positive List for synthetic resin used in ACP by accepting individual applications.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Enquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is March 14, 2025.
- The revision is scheduled to be adopted as soon as possible after the comment period and enter into force upon publication in spring 2025.

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