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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

New Zealand Postpones Entry into Force of Compostable Fruit Sticker Requirement

- On January 7, New Zealand [notified the WTO](#) of an amendment to [The Waste Minimisation \(Plastic and Related Products\) Amendment Regulations 2022](#), which entered into force July 1, 2023, and implements the second phase of its single-use plastic ban strategy.
- The amendment delays the entry into force of the requirement for produce labels for imported produce to be home-compostable (including the label adhesive glue) from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2028.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

EU Publishes Draft Opinion on Risks of Styrene in Food Contact Material

- On December 10, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published [a draft opinion](#) on the use of Styrene in plastic food contact materials (FCM).
- EFSA's Food Ingredients & Packaging Unit concluded that styrene's use in plastic FCM with a Specific Migration Limit (SML) of 40 µg/kg is not a safety concern. Styrene is listed on the European Union's [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No. 10/2011](#) on plastic FCMs but lacks a SML. As such, EFSA's conclusion is the first step in establishing one to regulate the substance.
- The comment deadline is January 28, and comments may be submitted using the EFSA portal found on [the consultation page](#).

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