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**A REPORT FOR
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CHERRY BOARD****GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:****Argentina Gazettes Decree Simplifying Food Import Requirements**

- On January 20, Argentina gazetted [Decree No. 35/2025](#) (in Spanish), amending *Decree No. 2126/1971* which regulates *Law 18.284* of the Argentine Food Code, to streamline and simplify the sanitary management of imports.
- The Decree allows food products originating from countries with “high sanitary surveillance standards”, including the U.S., to enter Argentina by submitting only an Import Affidavit. As long as the regulations in the country of origin are equivalent to or exceed Argentine standards, products are exempt from additional national procedures.
- The Decree entered into force the day after its gazettal.

EU Gazettes Ban on BPA Use in Food Contact Materials

- The European Union (EU) recently gazetted [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2024/3190 on the use of bisphenol A \(BPA\) and other bisphenols in certain materials and articles intended to come into contact with food](#), amending *Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* and repealing *Regulation (EU) 2018/213 (BCI Monitors 7-2-24, 12-23-24)*.
- Article 3 prohibits the use of BPA and its salts in the manufacture and placing on the EU market of the following food contact materials (FCMs): adhesives, rubbers, ion-exchange resins, plastics, printing inks, silicones, and varnishes and coatings. Article 3(2) allows BPA and its salts to be used in the manufacture of FCMs for a specific application as set out in Annex II.
- Article 4 prohibits food contact materials that have been manufactured using other bisphenol or bisphenol derivatives from containing any residual BPA.
- Article 5 prohibits the use of hazardous bisphenols other than BPA or hazardous bisphenol derivatives in the manufacture and placing on the EU market of the FCMs listed above. Article 5(2) allows hazardous bisphenols other than BPA or hazardous bisphenol derivatives to be used in the manufacture of FCMs for a specific application as set out in Annex II and in accordance with Article 6.
- Other bisphenols and bisphenol derivatives listed in Annex VI Part 3 of *Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008* are also prohibited from being placed on the EU market, unless the conditions listed in Article 5 are fulfilled.
- Articles 7-9 outline the BPA monitoring and reporting requirements manufacturers must follow to place the FCMs on the EU market.
- The regulation entered into force on January 20, 2025, with a two-year transition period for most FCMs containing BPA. A 36-month transition period is given for the following products containing BPA:
 - Single-use final FCMs intended for the preservation of fruits or vegetables excluding fruit juice products defined in Annex I to *Council Directive 2001/112/EC*.
 - Single-use final FCMs on which a varnish or coating has been applied specifically to the exterior metal surface.
- Final FCMs lawfully placed on the market before the end of the applicable transition period can be sold until stocks are exhausted.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS) also published a [GAIN Report](#) providing a summary of the regulation.