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## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**China Announces Retaliatory Tariffs on U.S. Agricultural Products**

- On March 4, in response to the U.S. imposition of an additional 10% tariff on all imports from China, China's Ministry of Finance [announced](#) (in Chinese) additional tariffs on several agricultural imports from the U.S.
- For product shipped before March 10 and imported before April 12, China will not apply the additional tariff.
- Fresh cherries from the U.S. will be subject to an additional 10% tariff, bringing the total applied tariff to 65%.

**Canada Imposes Retaliatory Tariffs on U.S. Agricultural Products, Announces Intent to Implement Second Round of Tariffs**

- On March 4, in response to the U.S. imposition of 10-25% tariffs on all imports from Canada, Canada's Department of Finance [announced](#) it is implementing retaliatory tariffs of 25% based on the products it specified in February (*BCI Monitor 2-4-25*).
- Canada's [list of products](#) immediately subject to 25% tariffs does not include cherries (HS 0809.29).
- Canada's March 4 announcement includes a list of products which may be subject to a second round of 25% retaliatory tariffs, subject to a feedback period ending March 25. This list includes fresh cherries.

**USTR Announces 2025 Trade Policy Agenda, 2024 Trade Retrospective, 30-Year WTO Report**

- On March 3, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) [published](#) its [2025 Trade Policy Agenda](#), which includes a look forward at 2025, a 30-year retrospective on the U.S.'s participation in the World Trade Organization (WTO), and an annual trade report for 2024.
- The 2025 policy agenda (starting on PDF pg. 15) is centered on an "America First Trade Policy" meant to move the U.S. back toward a "Production Economy" focused on the reduction of the trade deficit and support of the middle class.
- The 30-year retrospective on the U.S.'s participation in the WTO (starting on PDF pg. 21) focuses on shortcomings of the WTO over the course of its existence as well as the U.S.'s ongoing role in the organization.
- The 2024 annual trade report (starting on PDF pg. 33) reviews the performance of various trade initiatives undertaken in 2024 as well as an evaluation of existing trade agreements. Starting on page 245 of the PDF, the USTR provides a breakdown of key 2024 trade metrics.

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## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

### EU Gazettes Amendments to Plastic Food Contact Material Regulation

- On February 24, the European Union (EU) gazetted [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/351](#), amending [Regulation \(EU\) No 10/2011](#) on plastic food contact materials (FCM), [Regulation \(EU\) 2022/1616](#) on recycled plastics, and [Regulation \(EC\) No 2023/2006](#) and repealing [Regulation \(EC\) No 282/2008](#) on proper manufacturing practices for FCM (*BCI Monitors 3-26-24, 4-9-24*).
- The amendments to *Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011* include the following provisions of potential interest to CCB:
  - The compositional requirements in Chapter 2 of the regulation are clarified to include all plastic FCMs. Previously, the requirements could be misinterpreted to only apply to multi-layer FCM packaging.
  - Article 14a on labeling is added to the regulation. Article 14a requires the party responsible for placing a FCM intended for repeated use on the market to provide information about its maximum life to its user through labeling. Labeling should include instructions on slowing deterioration of the FCM and a description of deterioration that may indicate that it has reached its maximum lifespan.
- The regulation enters into force March 13, 2025. Plastic materials and articles complying with *Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* placed on the EU market before September 16, 2026, may continue to be sold until stocks are exhausted.