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## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**China Imposes Retaliatory Tariffs on All U.S. Goods**

- On April 4, China's Ministry of Finance [announced](#) (in Chinese) that a 34% tariff will be imposed on all U.S. exports to China on the basis of the current applicable tariff rate.
- Goods shipped prior to 12:01 on April 10, 2025, and imported between 12:01 April 10 and May 13, 2025, will not be subject to these tariffs.
- The additional tariffs come after the U.S. imposed reciprocal tariffs on a number of trading partners, including China. USDA FAS has published a [GAIN report](#) detailing the latest tariff rates applicable to U.S. agricultural products exported to China.
- The total applied tariff on U.S. fresh cherries will be 99% from April 10, 2025.

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**India, Chile Launch CEPA Negotiations**

- On April 1, India's Ministry of External Affairs [published](#) a joint statement on the recent launch of India-Chile negotiations toward a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) that would further strengthen their [existing preferential trade agreement](#) signed in 2007.
- While lacking specifics, the joint statement highlights agriculture as a key area of further cooperation between the two countries. Fresh cherries from Chile already enter India duty-free under the current India-Chile preferential trade agreement.

**China Publishes Updated Custom Procedures Regulation**

- On March 27, the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) published [Order No. 277 of the General Administration of Customs](#) (in Chinese), updating China's customs procedure regulations which were previously codified in 2003. USDA FAS has published an [unofficial English translation](#) of the *Order*.
- Of potential interest to CCB, the following changes from the 2003 iteration have been identified:
  - Paper custom declaration forms may now only be used under special circumstances and with permission from GACC. Instead, electronic data forms are now considered the default declaration method.
  - A two-step declaration model is now allowed, wherein consignees may submit an initial summary declaration followed later by a complete declaration. The completed declaration must be submitted within 14 days from the date the goods in question entered China.
  - A centralized declaration model is now allowed for multiple batches of goods being shipped to the same port of entry.
  - Quarantine certificates have been added to the list of documents that will be inspected at the port of entry.
- These updates to China's customs procedures enter into force on May 1, 2025.

### USDA Publishes Translation of China Updated Prepackaged Food Labeling Standard

- On April 3, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS) published a [GAIN report](#) on China's updated prepackaged food labeling standard *GB 7718-2025*, replacing the 2011 version (*BCI Monitor 4-1-25*)
- Of potential interest, the English translation provided by FAS includes a new definition for prepackaged food as follows: "Foods packaged or made up in a package or a container, including foods packaged in advance with a pre-determined quantity, and foods made with a pre-determined quantity in a package and container that have unified weight, volume, and length within certain ranges." Fresh fruit sold in bulk is not subject to China's prepackaged food labeling regulations under the 2011 version of the standard.
- There is a two-year transition period – ending March 16, 2027 – for compliance with the new requirements. China's related updated standards on food labeling supervision and management and prepackaged food nutrition labeling (*GB 28050-2025*) will also be enforced from March 16, 2027.