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GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:**UK-India Trade Deal Signed**

- The United Kingdom (UK) and India recently signed a bilateral Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), as [announced](#) by the UK.
- The [India-UK CETA](#) will reportedly provide duty-free access to 99% of India's food and agricultural exports to the UK. It will also establish preferential access covering approximately 90% of the UK's exports, though duty-free access will only be provided for a quarter of the UK's exports immediately upon entry into force.
- Upon entry into force of the agreement, the UK will immediately eliminate tariffs on all fruit imported from India classified under HS Chapter 8. Cherries were excluded from tariff reductions by India.
- The agreement will also support food and agricultural trade by establishing streamlined sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) regulations.
- The final legal text of the agreement must be ratified by both sides before entry into force.

U.S., EU Announce Initial Trade Deal Framework

- On July 27, the White House [announced](#) an initial framework for a trade deal with the European Union (EU). Similarly, the EU has released [a press release](#) on the details of the deal, with both EU [Commissioner Šefčovič](#) and [President von der Leyen](#) commenting on it.
- The largest takeaway from the proposed framework is a halving of the threatened U.S. tariffs on the EU to 15%, averting a larger trade war between the two partners.
- Additionally, while details are still forthcoming, both the U.S. and the EU have committed to working together to address non-tariff barriers affecting trade in food and agricultural products such as sanitary and phytosanitary measures.
- Notably, the EU has framed the July 27th agreement as non-legally binding, and notes that both partners will continue to negotiate on specific details going forward.

EU Completes and Publishes Plant Pest Review

- On July 23, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) [announced](#) that it had completed the assessment of 47 quarantine pests, which it will use to support future updates to the European Union's list of priority pests.
- EFSA has made a collection of these assessments available on [its website](#) and has forwarded its findings to the European Commission for consideration and revision of the existing pest list.

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