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GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

UK Suspends Full Implementation of Border Target Operating Model

- On August 18, the United Kingdom (UK) [notified the WTO](#) of its decision to suspend the full implementation of its post-Brexit Border Target Operating Model (BTOM) ahead of its upcoming UK-EU sanitary and phytosanitary agreement.
- Specifically, the UK is pausing further import controls on non-qualifying Northern Ireland goods arriving from Ireland and Northern Ireland. BTOM controls that are already in place will continue until further notice.
- The pause means that, where required, pre-notification and certification will continue, but documentary, identity and physical inspections at the border will not be introduced.
- The BTOM officially began implementation in January and April 2024.

Chile Publishes Proposed Update to Food Contact Materials Regulation

- On August 13, Chile's Ministry of Health [notified the WTO](#) of [proposed updates](#) to its current rules on food contact materials (FCMs) under [Decree 977/96 Food Sanitary Regulations](#) (links in Spanish).
- According to machine translation, the amendments expand the scope of *Decree 977/96* to all FCMs and cover definitions, traceability and compliance, labeling requirements, technical standards and migration limits, recycled plastic, and prohibited practices.
- They are intended to modernize Chilean law and harmonize rules with the requirements of major export markets such as the EU, as well as align with Chile's laws on the reduction and recycling of single-use plastics.
- The proposed dates of adoption and publication have yet to be determined. The date of entry into force after publication in Chile's Official Gazette is 24 months for specified overall migration limits and 48 months for specific migration limits.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Enquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is October 12, 2025.

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