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## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**Vietnam Notifies Draft Updated Food Safety Law**

- On July 30, Vietnam's Food Administration, Ministry of Health notified the WTO of a draft Food Safety Law which will replace the 2010 version.
- The *Food Safety Law* serves as a framework guiding food safety considerations such as production, import, export, advertisement, labeling, and testing; and is enforced through separate specific guidelines and other implementing regulations.
- The notice provides a summary of key changes in the updated framework legislation, including the following:
  - Updated terminology related to food categories, ingredients, and testing
  - Revised policies to reflect current needs, including a national food database, improved traceability, and stronger e-commerce oversight
  - Introduced new prohibitions on advertising and business practices in e-commerce
  - Clarified and expanded the responsibilities of food businesses and entities registered for product circulation
  - Set clearer conditions for food safety, including for imports/exports and food-related establishments
  - Amended rules on food advertising, labeling, and testing
  - Refined state food safety management: clarified agency roles, streamlined inspections, and addressed regulatory overlaps
- The proposed date of adoption and publication is October 31, 2025. The proposed date of entry into force is July 1, 2026.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Enquiry Point at [us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov](mailto:us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). The WTO comment deadline is September 28, 2025.

**China Extending Section 301 Tariff Exclusions**

- China's Ministry of Finance has extended the Section 301 tariff exclusion process for U.S. goods including agricultural products until October 30, 2025, according to a recent USDA FAS GAIN report.
- This update replaces earlier USDA guidance, which reported a cutoff of August 1, 2025, for new applications (*BCI Monitor* 7-22-25). Additionally, approved tariff exclusion applications will now remain valid until December 13, 2025, pushing back the previously reported expiration date of September 14, 2025.
- These new dates are based on reporting by Chinese importers using China's Ministry of Finance website. The Chinese government has not issued any public announcement or explanation about this extension.

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### APHIS Publishes Upcoming Plant Health Bilateral Meetings

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) updated information on its Plant Health Technical Bilateral Meetings [webpage](#), including the following:
  - The U.S. – Taiwan Plant Health Bilateral Meeting is scheduled for September 9-11, 2025; (in-person, Beltsville, Maryland); contact Lisa Kohl for details.
  - The U.S. – Japan Plant Health Bilateral Meeting is scheduled for October 7-10, 2025; (in-person, Wenatchee, Washington); contact Lisa Kohl for details.
  - The U.S. – European Union Plant Health Bilateral Meeting is scheduled for October 30-31, 2025; (in-person, Brussels, Belgium); contact Lakshmanan Ramamoorthi for details.
  - The U.S. – Korea Plant Health Bilateral Meeting is scheduled for November 4-6, 2025; (in-person, Visalia, California); contact Lisa Kohl for details.