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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

EU Publishes Details of Tariff Reductions for U.S. Imports

- The European Commission has [announced](#) its [proposed tariff reductions](#) to implement the EU-U.S. trade deal (*BCI Monitor* 8-26-25).
- Of interest to the CCB, the proposed reductions will remove the 12% ad valorem tariff on cherries, while the specific duty (entry price) component will be maintained. The entry price component ranges from 2.4 – 27.4 €/100kg/net.
- The European Parliament and Council will now have to approve the two proposals under the ordinary legislative procedure before the EU's tariff reductions can enter into force.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

China Notifies Draft Updates to Food Contact Materials Standard

- On August 29, China [notified the WTO](#) of [proposed updates](#) (in Chinese) to the *General Safety Requirements for Food Contact Materials and Articles (GB 4806.1-2016)*. The proposed changes were first announced on August 1 (*BCI Monitor* 8-5-25).
- According to the WTO notice, the latest amendments to the standard include removal of the definition and requirements regarding “complete barrier”, as well as revision of the “Principle of Compliance” and “Product Information” sections.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Enquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is October 28, 2025.

South Korea Updates QR Code Design Requirements for Food Labeling

- On August 29, South Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety published [Safety Notice No. 2025-60](#) (in Korean), updating the design requirements for QR codes when used on food labeling.
- The update includes details on what should be contained within a QR code if used on food packaging as well as display location, font size, and QR code size for various types of packaging.
- The notice entered into force upon its publication.

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