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GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

U.S. Announces Framework Agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala, Argentina, Ecuador

- On November 13, the U.S. [announced](#) framework trade deals with El Salvador, Guatemala, Argentina, and Ecuador. Broadly, the frameworks aim to remove tariff and non-tariff barriers to U.S. exports in these markets. The White House published joint statements on each agreement:
 - [El Salvador](#)
 - [Guatemala](#)
 - [Argentina](#)
 - [Ecuador](#)
- The specific details of these framework deals have yet to be published, and the White House notes that some negotiations are ongoing.

European Union Adopts Amended Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest List

- On November 13, the European Union (EU) [notified](#) the WTO of its adoption of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2249](#) regarding the list and measures for regulated non-quarantine pests.
- The regulation amends Annexes IV and V of [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2072](#) to reflect the latest updated version of the international nomenclature for pests, and incorporates other changes to improve the organization of the regulation. No changes specific to sweet cherries (*Prunus avium*) were identified.
- The Regulation enters into force on December 1, 2025, and will apply from July 6, 2026.

Thailand Opens Consultation on Draft Amendments to Food Import, Labeling Requirements

- On November 10, Thailand's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) opened a [public consultation](#) on [draft Regulation on Food Serial Numbers \(No. 2\) B.E. 2568](#) (both in Thai), amending *Regulation B.E. 2567* with the same title to simplify the food product approval process and clarify labeling rules.
- According to machine translation, draft amendments include:
 - Requiring all food products imported for sale to submit the results of their quality or standard analysis when they are first imported.
 - Adding cases where labels may be amended when do they do not relate to the benefits, quality, properties, standards, or safety of the food item.
- Comments are due by November 28, 2025, and can be submitted via the [online platform](#) (in Thai). The amendments would enter into force the date following the date of publication in the Government Gazette.

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Japan Publishes Draft Amendments to Plant Quarantine Regulation

- On November 7, Japan opened a [consultation](#) (in Japanese) on draft amendments to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) plant quarantine regulations.
- According to machine translation of the [outline of the amendment](#) (in Japanese), the changes pertain to allowing the use of electronic submission for plant product inspection certificates for specified countries, including the U.S. Implementation of the revised regulation is expected in late March 2026.
- Comments are due by December 6, 2025, and may be submitted through the consultation notice page.