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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Canada Proposes Removal of Certain Cherry Pests from Regulated List

- On March 30, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) [opened a consultation](#) on proposed changes to the list of pests regulated by Canada.
- The proposed changes include the removal of several organisms from the [list of pests regulated by Canada](#) (LRP), notably cherry pink fruit agent, cherry rough fruit agent, cherry short stem agent, and Little cherry closterovirus (LchV-3).
- These pests are being considered for removal because they no longer pose a significant economic or environmental risk, are already established in Canada, or cannot be practically controlled.
- CFIA anticipates low or negligible trade impact, and the consultation seeks input from producers, academia, industry groups, and other stakeholders.
- Comments can be submitted via email to CFIA as detailed on the consultation page, and final changes will proceed if no substantial concerns are raised.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

EU Officially Abandons Efforts Toward Sustainable EU Food System

- On March 26, the European Union (EU) officially abandoned its efforts toward a [2022 proposal](#) for a 'Sustainable EU Food System' (*BCI Monitor* 4-26-22).
- The proposal was supposed to have been adopted in late 2023 and would have implemented various sustainable measures for the EU market, including labeling, general sustainability standards, and sustainable import specifications. However, in recent years the policy lens of the EU has shifted from its earlier sustainable aspirations.
- It remains to be seen whether aspects of the 2022 proposal will be repurposed into more timely regulations.

UK Publishes High-Level Scope of Modernized Food Regulatory System

- On March 26, the United Kingdom's (UK) Food Standards Agency (FSA) [published](#) the agreed upon scope for the UK's 'Future of Food Regulation Programme'.
- The published scope of the program is high level in nature and includes the following:
 - Enhancing the food business regulation system
 - A national approach to regulation of larger businesses
 - Improving the way guidance is provided to businesses
 - Strengthening enforcement powers of the government
 - Improving the information businesses provide to consumers
- The exact provisions and further details of this program will be expanded on in forthcoming consultations by the FSA. Notably, FSA has not indicated a timeline for either consultations or implementation of this program

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