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GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

UK Postpones BPA Ban in Food Contact Materials

- The United Kingdom's Food Standards Agency (FSA) recently published a [summary of responses](#) to its December consultation on the proposal to implement a ban on the use of bisphenol A (BPA), other bisphenols, and bisphenol derivatives in food contact materials (*BCI Monitor 10-21-25*).
- The summary reaffirms FSA's intent to implement a BPA ban in food contact materials. However, it postpones the implementation timing from July 20, 2027, to a yet to be determined point in the future. The exact timing of implementation will be determined in forthcoming regulations.

Vietnam Notifies Draft Regulation to Consolidate Regulatory Authorities

- On May 18, Vietnam [notified](#) the WTO of a recently published [proposal](#) (English provided by Vietnam) to reform its food safety management authorities with a focus on efficiency and reduction in regulatory overlap.
- Currently, the management of Vietnam's food safety is divided among the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, and the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Vietnam notes that this has resulted in overlapping regulatory purview and redundant regulation.
- To address these concerns, Vietnam has proposed a unified model of regulation, allowing for a single point of contact both domestically and internationally for all topics related to food safety. The proposal would empower the Vietnam Food Administration (VFA), under the Ministry of Health, to be that central coordinating authority.
- Vietnam expects the associated regulatory framework to be finalized through the end of 2026 and for the VFA to enter into full operation starting in 2027.
- The proposal is expected to be adopted immediately and enter into force on July 4, 2026. No comment period was provided because the proposal is designated as a trade facilitating measure.

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