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GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

China Opens Consultation on Draft Revision of Food Safety Law

- On October 10, China's State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) [opened a public consultation](#) on a [draft revision](#) (both in Chinese) of the *Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China*.
- According to machine translation of the [revision notes](#) (in Chinese), the draft would expand the current law from 154 to 191 articles. SAMR states the revision responds to new challenges, including online food sales, and to a 2025 National People's Congress Standing Committee enforcement inspection that called for, among other things, clarifying a conformity assessment system for imported food. For detailed analysis, a translation must be commissioned.
- Provisions that could affect U.S. exports of food and agricultural products include changes to the import chapter. The draft would require customs conformity assessment of imported food, food additives, and food-contact materials, make importers responsible for the safety of imported products, and extend filing and registration requirements to food additives. China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) would determine which overseas food producers must register and could cancel the registration of producers that no longer meet requirements.
- Comments are due November 10, 2026, and may be submitted through the [SAMR website](#), by email to hongle@samr.gov.cn, or by mail. The amendments have not yet been notified to the WTO, and feedback at this stage may be intended primarily for domestic stakeholders.
- The draft does not include an entry-into-force date.

Chile and Indonesia Begin Electronic Phytosanitary Certification

- On October 8, Chile's Ministry of Agriculture (MINAGRI) [announced](#) (in Spanish) that Chile's Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) and the Indonesian Quarantine Authority (IQA) have begun exchanging electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhyto), replacing paper certificates.
- The exchange runs through the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) ePhyto Hub and covers fruit and vegetable products, propagation material, and re-export certificates in both directions. According to a recent [report](#) (in Spanish) by the Chilean fruit exporters association Frutas de Chile, the system has been in effect since October 1.
- Frutas de Chile reported that Chile shipped 2,555 metric tons of fresh fruit to Indonesia in the 2025-26 season, up 15%, making it Chile's ninth-largest fresh fruit destination in Asia. Cherries are a small share of Chilean shipments to Indonesia, accounting for 1% of shipments in the 2025-26 season.

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