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GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Thailand Opens Consultation on Expanding Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Production Requirements

- On October 14, Thailand's Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA) opened a [public consultation](#) (in Thai) on the principles of a draft Ministry of Public Health notification on production methods, equipment, and storage of fresh fruits and vegetables, and labeling. The draft would expand the scope of [Notification No. 386 B.E. 2560 \(2017\)](#) to all fresh fruits and vegetables.
- According to machine translation, Thai FDA states that *Notification No. 386* applies to 48 groups of fresh fruits and vegetables at high risk of agricultural chemical contamination, and that other produce falls under the general production hygiene notification (*No. 420*), which does not emphasize agricultural chemical residue control or traceability. Cherries are not among the 48 groups listed in the notification as published in 2017.
- Thai FDA describes the notification's key requirements as sourcing from cultivation sites with agricultural chemical controls, farmer registration, safe use of food additives, production lot identification, and traceability labeling. Under the draft, producers, importers, and distributors of all fresh fruits and vegetables would have to comply. As published in 2017, the notification also requires importers of listed produce to hold certification documents showing equivalent compliance from the exporting country's government agency, a body it recognizes, or an accredited certification body. The consultation notice does not say how the requirements would apply to newly covered imported produce.
- The draft would also revise the definition of "production," which in the notification means sorting and packing fresh fruits and vegetables, to exclude sorting and packing at the point of sale. It would take effect one year after publication in the Royal Gazette.
- Comments are due by November 13, 2026, and may be submitted by email to fda.gmp420@gmail.com. Thai FDA's page also directs commenters to an online portal and supporting documents, but those links were not accessible as of publication.

Thailand to Gazette Amended Prepackaged Food Labeling Requirements

- On October 16, Thailand's Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA) [announced](#) (in Thai) that *Ministry of Public Health Notification (No. 474) B.E. 2569 (2026)*, which amends *Notification No. 450 B.E. 2567 (2024)* on prepackaged food labeling, is being published in the Royal Gazette. No publication date has been announced. It would take effect the day after publication. As previously reported, Thailand notified the WTO of the draft in January (*BCI Monitor 1-13-26*).

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Thailand to Gazette Amended Prepackaged Food Labeling Requirements (cont.)

- According to machine translation of Thai FDA's [summary](#) and [comparison table](#) (both in Thai), digital labels would be allowed as an optional measure if seven key items (food name, serial number, net quantity, ingredients, allergen information, warnings, and expiration date) remain on the physical label. Fresh food that has not undergone any processing would remain exempt from labeling.
- Labels not meeting the new requirements could be used for up to two years, except for nine food categories, including food additives, infant foods, and supplements, which would have to comply immediately.
- BCI will continue to monitor for publication in the Royal Gazette.

EU Reaches Provisional Agreement on Organic Rules, Extends Third-Country Recognition to 2036

- On October 20, the Council and the European Parliament reached a [provisional agreement](#) (see also the [Commission statement](#)) on a regulation amending [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/848](#) on organic production, labeling, certification, and trade. It follows the Commission's December 2025 proposal (*BCI Monitor* 12-23-25).
- The agreement extends recognition of the organic systems of [11 non-EU countries](#) (Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, India, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Tunisia, and the United States) from December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2036, to avoid trade disruptions while trade agreements are negotiated.
- Products from these countries could still be marketed as "organic" and use their own country's organic logo. They could use the EU logo only if they meet additional production and control requirements, such as rules on living soil, animal welfare, and processing. The Council and Parliament dropped the Commission's proposed exception allowing the EU logo on products with less than 5% of ingredients from non-EU countries that do not meet those criteria.
- The agreement must be endorsed by the Council and Parliament, with adoption targeted before the end of 2026. It would enter into force the day after publication in the Official Journal. Products labeled under existing rules could be sold until stocks run out, and transitional arrangements would apply to imports.

Brazil Notifies Draft Amendments to Resolutions on Cellulosic Food-Contact Materials

- On October 15, Brazil's Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) [notified](#) the WTO of [Draft Resolution 1426](#) (in Portuguese), which opened a [public consultation](#) on the draft on October 1. This draft would amend *Collegiate Board Resolution (RDC) No. 88* and *RDC No. 90*, to incorporate Mercosur resolutions [No. 05/2026](#) and [No. 06/2026](#) (both in Portuguese) into national law.
- According to machine translation of the draft, the amendments would revise the silicone-related provisions of both resolutions to tie them to ANVISA's silicone food contact material rules.
- The draft would enter into force on the date of its publication.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Enquiry Point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is December 14, 2026.