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A REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA CHERRY BOARD

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**China Revises Registration Requirements for Food Importers, Overseas Exporters**

- On October 23, China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) published *Announcement No. 150 of 2026*, revising Annex 1 of the former General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) *Announcement No. 55 of 2012* (both in Chinese).
- According to machine translation, overseas exporters or agents exporting food to China must apply to GACC for registration. Applicants must submit a registration information form and are responsible for the accuracy of the information.
- GACC will complete the filing within three working days of accepting a complete application and will issue the overseas exporters or agents a registration code. Registrations do not expire.
- If any filed information changes, the registered exporter or agents must update their information within 60 days of a change.
- Importers or exporters must provide the overseas exporter's registration code when declaring imported food, and customs will verify the information. Customs may also inspect registered companies on site or request materials and may require corrections if the registered information is inaccurate.
- The announcement entered into force October 23, 2026.

**Thailand Gazettes Amended Prepackaged Food Labeling Requirements**

- On November 2, Thailand's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the October 31 gazettal of *Ministry of Public Health Announcement (No. 474) B.E. 2569* (summary and comparison table; all in Thai), amending *Notification No. 450 B.E. 2567 (2024)* on prepackaged food labeling. As previously reported, the announcement had been pending publication in the Royal Gazette (*BCI Monitors 1-13-26, 10-20-26*).
- According to machine translation, amendments of potential interest to CCB include:
    - Removing sulfites and lactose from the allergen list and replacing them with warning statements.
    - Allowing digital labels as an optional measure if seven key items remain on the physical label: name, FDA registration/serial number, net quantity, ingredients, allergen information, warnings, expiration date. Fresh food that has not undergone any processing would remain exempt from labeling.
- The announcement entered into force October 31, 2026. Labels not meeting the new requirements could be used for up to two years, except for nine food categories, including food additives, which would have to comply immediately

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**EU Notifies Further Amendment to Pest Regulation**

- On October 30, the European Union (EU) notified the WTO of a *Draft Commission Implementing Regulation* (Annex) amending *Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072* regarding the regulation of quarantine pests. The EU previously amended the regulation in April (*BCI Monitor 4-21-26*).
- The amendment delists three pests, lists five new quarantine pests, and revises import and internal movement requirements for certain plants for planting, cut flowers, and fruits. No changes directly applicable to U.S.-origin cherries were identified.
- The proposed dates of adoption and publication are February 2027. The Regulation will enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the EU's Official Journal.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. SPS Enquiry Point at us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov. The WTO comment deadline is December 29, 2026.

**EU Authorizes Four Substances for Plastic Food Contact Materials**

- On October 29, the European Union (EU) gazetted *Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/2412*, amending Annex I of *Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011* on plastic food contact materials (FCM).
- The regulation adds four substances to the EU's list of authorized substances, each with specific conditions of use: 1) chopped carbon fibers, from carbonized polyacrylonitrile, as a filler in polyether ether ketone polymer; 2) uncoated nano precipitated calcium carbonate; 3) poly(2-hydroxypropanoic acid), n-octyl/n-decyl esters, as an additive in polylactic acid materials in contact with water, fresh fruit and vegetables, and vinegar; and 4) a mixture of 1,9-nonanediamine and 2-methyl-1,8-octanediamine (FCM No 1090), as a co-monomer in polyamide.
- The regulation enters into force on November 18, 2026.