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Report Highlights:

On September 21, 2020, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) issued new country of origin labeling regulations for 1) pork in packaged food; 2) pork served in restaurants; and 3) bulk food products including beef and pork. This report contains unofficial English translations of these regulations, as well as Taiwan's notifications to the WTO TBT Committee for two of the three measures.

On September 21, 2020, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) issued new final labeling regulations requiring Country of Original Labeling (COOL) for products in the following categories, with an effective date of January 1, 2021:

- 1) Pork in Packaged Food
- 2) Pork Served in Restaurants/Eateries
- 3) Bulk Food Products (including pork, beef and many other products)

Attached to this report are unofficial English translations of these three regulations. The original Chinese versions can be found on the TFDA website:

- 1) Pork in Packaged Food
<https://www.fda.gov.tw/Tc/newsContent.aspx?cid=3&id=26397>
- 2) Pork Served in Restaurants/Eateries
<https://www.fda.gov.tw/Tc/newsContent.aspx?cid=3&id=26398>
- 3) Bulk Food Products (including Pork and Beef)
<https://www.fda.gov.tw/Tc/newsContent.aspx?cid=3&id=26399>

The expanded COOL regulations coincide with expanded access for U.S. pork and beef products which will become effective on January 1, 2021.

Taiwan notified the WTO TBT committee of the bulk food product and pork in packaged food regulations. Linked below are the notifications, which were open for a comment period of seven days. TFDA indicated it does not plan to notify the WTO of the restaurants/eateries regulation.

Pork in Packaged Food:

https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S009-DP.aspx?language=E&CatalogueIdList=235563,235541,235548,235528,235529,235530,235513,235512,235508,235506&CurrentCatalogueIdIndex=9&FullTextHash=&HasEnglishRecord=True&HasFrenchRecord=True&HasSpanishRecord=False

Bulk Food Products:

https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S009-DP.aspx?language=E&CatalogueIdList=235639,235629,235646,235645,235638,235596,235597,235598,235599,235600&CurrentCatalogueIdIndex=3&FullTextHash=&HasEnglishRecord=True&HasFrenchRecord=False&HasSpanishRecord=False

Attachments:

[Taiwan labeling rule for bulk food.docx](#)

[Taiwan COO labeling rule for pork in eateries.docx](#)

[Taiwan COO labeling rule for pork in packaged food.docx](#)