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Report Highlights:

On February 12, 2024, the People's Republic of China (PRC) notified the General Directive for Labeling of Agricultural Seeds (draft) to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The revised draft directive expands label content, requires a description of cultivation, and uses, and clarifies label requirements for genetically modified (GM) seeds and imported seeds. The directive serves as a mandatory national standard and applies to all crop seeds sold in China. The deadline for submitting comments on the revised draft is April 12, 2024. This report provides a link to a previous report, which includes an unofficial translation of the Directive and analysis of updated language.

Summary

On February 12, 2024, PRC notified the General Directive for Labelling of Agricultural Seeds (draft) to the WTO under [G/TBT/N/CHN/1818](#). Once finalized, this standard will replace the original [GB 20464-2006 General Directive for Labeling of Agricultural Seeds](#) (link in Chinese), which was notified World Trade Organization (WTO) in October 2005 and came into effect on November 1, 2006. Comments may be submitted to China's WTO/TBT National Notification and Enquiry Center at tbt@customs.gov.cn.

For an unofficial translation of the draft directive and analysis of updated language, please see: [GAIN Report CH2024-0010](#). Interested stakeholders are encouraged to conduct their own review of the notification and the draft text and submit comments to the National Notification and Enquiry Center by April 12, 2024.

Attachments:

No Attachments.