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China - Industry Group Issues Voluntary Standard for Plant-Based Meat Products – [link]

On June 24, 2020, the Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology (CIFST) issued a notice soliciting comments on the voluntary standard “Plant-Based Meat Products (draft for comments).” The draft standard provides a definition, classification, and technical/marketing requirements for plant-based meat products. Comments can be sent to ZHAN Xiaoqing at the CIFST Secretariat (zhanxiaoqingok@163.com) before July 25, 2020. The CIFST notice is available in Chinese at http://www.cifst.org.cn/a/dynamic/tongzhi/20200624/1875.html. This report contains an unofficial translation of the draft, voluntary standard.

European Union – Agreement Between the EU and China on Geographical Indications Close to Being Finalized – [link]

On July 20, 2020, the Agriculture Council of the European Union adopted the Agreement between the EU and China on geographical indications (GIs) extending protection to 275 products that are produced in the EU. Products include feta cheese, asiago cheese, kalamata olives, marsala wine and more. The Agreement requires the approval of the European Parliament.

Colombia - Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Export Certificate Report – [link]

This report outlines Colombia’s requirements for import permits and export certificates for multiple food products for human and animal consumption. It also provides a list of the Colombian government agencies involved in the entry of imported food products.

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The annual State of the Specialty Food Industry report, complied with Mintel data, includes the COVID-19 impact, an in-depth analysis of the market’s future, key category forecasts, consumer survey data and insights on the evolving industry. Use the link above to access a shortened version of the report with key infographics of the data.