



# Newsletter

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## **TAIWAN ENHANCES BORDER INSPECTIONS FOR FRESH APPLES FROM THE U.S.**

On December 16th, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) announced its 2022 enhanced border inspection list for agricultural products. Of the total 23 products listed from specific countries, 3 U.S. products are on the list, one of which was fresh apples (HS code: 0808.10.00.00.2).

Other products included "fresh avocado" (HS code: 0804.40.00.00.0-A) and "other paper plate" (H.S. code: 4823.69.00.00.5-E). These products from the United States will have enhanced border inspection rates from 20 to 50 percent. This announcement will be effective from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office. Thank you.

## **U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES PASS THE OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT OF 2021**

On December 8, 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act (OSRA) of 2021 with a 364-40 vote. OSRA aims to crack down on unreasonable practices by container shipping lines, bolster U.S. enforcement against uncompetitive carrier practices, and improve transparency for exporters. The CAC has actively supported the OSRA and has been urging Congressional leadership to work to develop a solution to the ongoing supply chain issues. The CAC is pleased with the passage of this bill in the House, and will continue to voice support as it makes its way through the Senate. If you have any questions on the passage of OSRA, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office.

## **CDPH REQUIRES MASKING FOR ALL PUBLIC INDOOR SETTINGS**

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) continues to monitor COVID-19 data in order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians. Since Thanksgiving, the statewide seven-day average case rate has increased by almost half (47%) and hospitalizations have increased by 14%. In response to the increase in cases and hospitalizations, and to slow the spread of both Delta and the highly transmissible Omicron variant, CDPH has issued updated guidance to curb the spread of COVID-19 and its variants.

Beginning December 15, CDPH will require masks to be worn in all indoor public settings irrespective of vaccine status through January 15, 2022, at which point California will make further recommendations as needed in response to the pandemic.

On January 5, 2022 the CDPH announced that the mask requirement have been extended and are now required to be worn indoors until February 15, 2022.

Additionally, CDPH updated requirements for attending mega events, like concerts and sporting events. Prior to attending an event, attendees will now require either proof of vaccination, a negative antigen COVID-19 test within one day of the event, or a negative PCR test within two days of the event.

CDPH also issued a new travel advisory effective immediately to recommend that all travelers arriving in California test for COVID-19 within three to five days after arrival, regardless of their vaccination status.

## APHIS REMOVES FEDERAL DOMESTIC QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH

Effective December 17, 2021, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing the light brown apple moth (LBAM) quarantine in California and Hawaii. APHIS is reclassifying LBAM as a non-quarantine pest, removing all areas under quarantine, and removing movement restrictions on LBAM host material as they have determined that LBAM is no longer a pest of regulatory significance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission office.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **OFFICE CLOSED - MLK Day**
  - January 17, 2022
- **USApple Capitol Hill Day - Washington, DC**
  - March 9, 2022

*Some events are being held virtually. Please contact the CAC office for more information.*

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## APPLE BITES



### Mini Apple And Gouda Frittatas

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups baby spinach
- 1 tsp. coconut oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 medium California apple, diced
- 6 large eggs
- 1/3 cup 2% milk
- 1/2 cup Gouda cheese, shredded
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground pepper

#### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350F and spray a muffin pan with nonstick spray. Set aside.
- Place spinach in a steamer set over boiling water, cover, and steam until just wilted, about 1 minute. Remove and pat dry with a paper towel to remove some of the excess moisture.
- Melt coconut oil in a small saucepan set over medium heat. When pan and oil are hot, add the diced onion and cook until soft and translucent, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a separate bowl and add the wilted spinach and diced apple. Stir well and set aside.
- In a medium-sized mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, Gouda, salt, and pepper. Divide the spinach, onion, and apple mixture evenly among the muffin tins, and use a ladle to spoon the egg mixture over top, filling about 3/4 of the way full.
- Bake for 15-20 minutes until eggs have set and edges begin to turn golden brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool for 5 minutes before removing from tins and serving.

*Recipe courtesy of [www.thefeedfeed.com](http://www.thefeedfeed.com) and @Runwithspoons*