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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: VIET NAM

If applicable, name of local government involved:

2. Agency responsible: Department of Fisheries And Surveillance, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment

3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Aquatic animal breeds, aquatic animal feed, and products for treating the aquaculture environment

4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:

All trading partners

Specific regions or countries:

5. Title of the notified document: Draft Circular Regulations on the management of aquatic animal breeds, aquatic animal feed, and products for treating the aquaculture environment. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 74 and 73

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/VNM/25_09242_00_x.pdf
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6. Description of content: The draft Circular was developed to complete the legal framework for the management of aquatic breeds, aquatic feed, and environmental treatment products in aquaculture, while simultaneously implementing decentralization of power and levels and administrative procedure reform in line with the orientation of draft laws amending legislation in the agricultural and environmental sectors, decrees guiding the Law on Fisheries, and Prime Ministerial decisions on cutting and simplifying administrative procedures.

Accordingly, the draft focuses on shortening the processing time for several key administrative procedures; specifically: the time for granting aquatic breed export licenses is reduced from ten days to seven days, while removing the requirement for Prime Ministerial approval and decentralizing authority to the Minister; the time for granting aquatic breed import licenses is reduced from five days to four days, with no requirement to resubmit certain digitized documents, and authority is decentralized to the Chairmen of Provincial People's Committees. Similarly, the procedure for aquatic feed import licenses is also shortened from five days to four days and decentralized to the Chairmen of Provincial People's Committees.

In addition, the draft reviews and amends regulations to align with the two-level local government model, unifying terminology and authority as per National Assembly resolutions and Government decrees on state apparatus reorganization. The draft also supplements and updates specialized management lists, including the List of aquatic species allowed for trading in Viet Nam, the List of aquatic species banned from export, and the List of aquatic species for conditional export; it adds regulations on naming aquatic breeds and specifies cases for the re-issuance of licenses for certain procedures.

Furthermore, the draft addresses practical obstacles arising from management practice,

<p>such as adding information on aquatic breeds, updating the list of endangered, precious, and rare aquatic species of legal origin, and the list of chemicals, biological products, microorganisms, and raw materials for aquatic feed production allowed for use, thereby creating favorable conditions for fishery production and business while ensuring strict management and sustainable fishery development.</p>	
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>	
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Fisheries Law No 18/2017/QH14 – Circular No. 26/2018/TT-BNNPTNT 	
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