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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 Animal Health and Production; 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): Live terrestrial and aquatic animals; meat, fish and other products of animal origin; animal genetic material; and other commodities listed in Appendices Ia and Ib of the Draft Circular (HS chapters: 01-05, 15, 16, 23, 30, 41, 43, 51, 67 and 96, as applicable; ICS codes: 11.220, 65.020.30, 67.100 and 67.120)
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 of the Minister of Agriculture and Environment Providing for the Quarantine of Animals and Animal Products. Language(s): English and Vietnamese. Number of pages: 50+162 and 45+157 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/VNM/26_04255_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/VNM/26_04255_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/VNM/26_04255_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/VNM/26_04255_01_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Draft Circular consolidates and updates Viet Nam's rules on quarantine of terrestrial and aquatic animals and animal products. It establishes the lists of commodities subject to or exempt from quarantine, quarantine targets, and commodities subject to import risk analysis. It prescribes requirements and procedures for transport out of province-level administrative divisions; export; import; temporary import for re-export; temporary export for re-import; border-gate transfer; bonded warehousing; transit; accompanied or postal consignments; fairs, exhibitions, competitions and performances; and transport of disease specimens. Measures include registration and declaration, documentary and physical or clinical inspection, quarantine isolation where applicable, sampling and testing, cleaning and disinfection, identification and sealing, electronic submission and certification, processing time limits, and issuance of quarantine certificates. The measure applies to all trading partners dealing in covered commodities. It is expected to clarify and simplify procedures, strengthen traceability and risk-based controls, facilitate electronic processing, and provide specified exemptions for listed lower-risk or traceable commodities and cases, while maintaining protection against animal diseases and zoonoses. The Draft Circular will replace or repeal: Circular No. 11/2016/TT-BNNPTNT dated 1 June 2016; Circular No. 01/2026/TT-BNNMT dated 1 January 2026; Circular No. 03/2026/TT-BNNMT dated 13 January 2026; and Article 15 of Circular No. 22/2026/TT-BNNMT dated

	19 May 2026. Transitional provisions preserve the validity of certificates already issued and allow specified pre-printed forms, ear tags and sealing wires to continue to be used through 31 December 2027.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☒ animal health, ☐ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☒ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): - Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Chapter 2.1 (import risk analysis); Chapters 4.2-4.3 (animal identification and traceability); Chapter 4.14 (disinfection and disinsection); Chapters 5.1-5.10 (certification, import/export, transit, border posts, quarantine stations and model certificates); and relevant disease-specific chapters - Aquatic Animal Health Code: Chapter 2.1 (import risk analysis); Section 4 (disease prevention and control); Chapters 5.1-5.2 and other applicable chapters of Section 5 (trade measures, import/export procedures and health certification); and relevant disease-specific chapters ☐ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ☐ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: - Law on Veterinary Medicine No. 79/2015/QH13 (available in Vietnamese): official legal text - Law No. 146/2025/QH15 amending and supplementing a number of laws in the agriculture and environment sector (available in Vietnamese): official legal text The existing measures referred to in Item 6 are available in Vietnamese through Viet Nam's official legal document database and from the National Enquiry Point upon request.
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): November 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): November 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 45 days after the date of publication. ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 October 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Viet Nam Sanitary and Phytosanitary Notification Authority and Enquiry Point No 10 Nguyen Cong Hoan Street, Giang Vo ward, Ha Noi, Viet Nam Tel: +(84 4) 3734 4764 E-mail: spsvietnam@mae.gov.vn Website: http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn

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