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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 Legal Affairs, 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): Pesticides, fertilizers, plant varieties (HS codes: 31.01, 31.02, 31.03, 31.04, 31.05, 38.08)
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: Circular amending, supplementing a number of articles of various circulars in the field of agriculture and environment. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 10 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/VNM/26_04987_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The draft Circular amends, supplements or abolish a number of regulations in the field of agriculture and environment: – Plant production and protection: (1) decentralize from the Minister of Agriculture and Environment to the Chair persons of provincial-level People's Committee in dealing with administrative procedures for the State inspection of imported pesticide quality; (2) abolish the conditions for granting Decision on recognition of plant variety testing bodies, and abolish administrative procedures for granting, re-granting the Decision on recognition of plant variety testing bodies; (3) abolish administrative procedures for self-declaration of plant variety circulation; (4) extend valid duration of Decision on recognition of fertilizer circulation in Viet Nam from five years to ten years; (5) simplify administrative procedures for granting Pesticide import License. – Fisheries: abolish Article 5 of Circular 16/2026/TT-BNNMT to have consistence with the relevant regulations of the revised Law on Fisheries. – Dyke management: revise scope of application in the light that guidance is only provided to consult with the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment on acceptance of dyke-related activities. The draft Circular aims to promptly implement relevant higher-level legal instruments; reduce and simplify administrative procedures and business investment conditions; promote decentralization; update procedures and forms; reduce processing time and compliance costs; and facilitate production, business and trade activities by organizations and individuals.

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): ☐ 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 Crop Production 31/2018/QH14, amended and supplemented by the Law 146/2025/QH15 and Law 21/2026/QH16 • Law on Plant Protection and Quarantine 41/2013/QH13, amended and supplemented by the Law 35/2018/QH14, Law 146/2025/QH15 and Law 21/2026/QH16 (available in Vietnamese)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 December 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 December 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2027 ☒ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 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 Department of Legal Affairs No 10 Ton That Thuyet Street, Cau Giay ward, Ha Noi, Viet Nam E-mail: ltlthu@mae.gov.vn
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