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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): Designated VietGAP Certification bodies (for Good Aquaculture Practice only).
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: Amending, supplementing, and repealing a number of articles of Circular No. 48/2012/TT-BNNPTNT dated 26 September 2012 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development providing on the certification of aquaculture, crop, and livestock products produced in accordance with application of Good Agricultural Practices, as amended and supplemented by Circular No. 06/2018/TT-BNNPTNT. Language(s): Vietnamese and English. Number of pages: 2 and 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/VNM/26_05454_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/VNM/26_05454_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The draft circular removes aquaculture products from the scope of Circular 48/2012/TT-BNNPTNT (as amended by Circular 06/2018/TT-BNNPTNT), which governs certification of products made in line with Good Agricultural Practices (VietGAP). After the change, the circular will cover livestock products only. Key points: Article 1. Amendment and supplementation of the title of the Circular "Circular providing for the certification of livestock products produced in accordance with Good Agricultural Practices". Article 2. Repeal of phrases 1. Repeal the phrase "aquaculture," in the legal basis for promulgation of the Circular. 2. Repeal the phrase "aquaculture," in Article 1; in clauses 2, 3, and 5 of Article 2; and in Appendix II. 3. Repeal the Clause 1 of Article 4. 4. Repeal the phrase "aquaculture, aquatic animal health, and biology for the aquaculture sector;" in point a, clause 1, Article 6. 5. Repeal the phrase "products in the aquaculture sector;" in clause 1, Article 16. 6. Repeal the phrase "Appendix IXA," in clause 1, Article 16. 7. Repeal the phrase "Directorate of Fisheries," in point b, clause 4, Article 17. 8. Repeal the code "CGDG-VietGAP-TS 01/" in Appendix I.

9. Repeal the phrase "Aquaculture (TS)" and the phrase "The code of the first VietGAP certification body designated in 2012 by the Directorate of Fisheries is VietGAP-TS-12-01" in Appendix VII. 10. Repeal the Appendix IXA. Article 3. Implementation provisions This Circular takes effect from _____ 2026. Article 4. Transitional provisions 1. Decisions on designating VietGAP certification bodies which issued by the Directorate of Fisheries (now the Department of Fisheries and Fisheries Surveillance) under Circular No. 48/2012/TT-BNNPTNT shall cease to be effective when this Circular takes effect. 2. VietGAP certificated for aquaculture products which issued under Circular No. 48/2012/TT-BNNPTNT before this Circular takes effect may continue to be used until the expiry date stated on the VietGAP certificate. This Circular now covers only the livestock sector VietGAP certification bodies in aquaculture will operate in accordance with the regulations set forth in Decree No. 22/2026/ND-CP, issued by the Government on 16 January 2026.
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: Decree No. 22/2026/ND-CP was issued by the Government on 16 January 2026 (available in Vietnamese).
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 November 2026 ☒ Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not Applicable.

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