



NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: VIET NAM If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department, Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development
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): Imported foodstuff of plant origin
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Circular for guiding on the food safety control for imported foodstuffs of plant origin Language(s): Vietnamese Number of pages: 18
6.	Description of content: The Circular provides regulations/principles for food safety control on imported foodstuffs of plant origin, including procedure of exported country registration before exporting commodities into Viet Nam, on-site inspection procedure (when necessary) as well as procedure for inspecting consignments of foodstuffs of plant origin imported into Viet Nam. This Circular will replace the Circular No.13/2011/TT-BNNPTNT dated 16 March 2011 and Circular No.05/2013/TT-BNNPTNT dated 21 January 2013.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Safety Law number 55/2012/QH12 dated 17 June 2010 of the Congress - Decree No. 38/2012/NĐ-CP dated 25 April 2012 of the Government for guiding the implementation of some articles of the Food Safety Law
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): October 2014
	Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): October 2014
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 45 days from the date of circulation.
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12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 September 2014
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