



NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>VIET NAM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture 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): All genetically modified plants, which intended to be used as food, feed
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 on approval process of issuing and revocation of the certificate for genetically modified plants to be used as food, feed Language(s): Vietnamese (with an unofficial English translation) Number of pages: 26
6.	Description of content: This circular stipulates an approval process of genetically modified plants including the order, procedures for issuing and revocation of a certificate of genetically modified plants that satisfy conditions to be used as food, feed. This circular applies to organizations, households and individuals in the country, overseas Vietnamese, foreign organizations and individuals carrying out activities of or related to the issuing and revocation of a certificate of genetically modified plants that satisfy conditions to be used as food, feed in territory of Viet Nam. The Circular includes 4 Chapters, 16 Articles and 11 Annexes which describe in detail the requirement, form and context of the relevant documents when applying for registration of a certificate.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) 1. Principles for the Risk Analysis of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology (CAC/GL 44-2003) 2. Guidelines for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessments of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants (CAC/GL 45-2003) <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)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" 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"> The Decree No. 69/2010/ND-CP of 21 June 2010 on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms, Genetic specimen and Products Derived from Genetically Modified Organisms, and the Decree No. 108/2011/ND-CP of 30 November 2011 of Government on correcting Decree No. 69/2010/ND-CP on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms, Genetic specimen and Products Derived from Genetically Modified Organisms (available in Vietnamese/ English version in BCH of Viet Nam) The Decree No. 38/2012/ND-CP of 25 April 2012 of the Government on the regulations to implement Food safety law (available in Vietnamese/ English version in BCH of Viet Nam)
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): December 2013 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): December 2013</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): February 2014 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 November 2013</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Viet Nam SPS Notification Authority and Enquiry Point 2 Ngoc Ha Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam Tel: +(84 4) 3734 4764 Fax: +(84 4) 3734 9019 E-mail: spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn Website: http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Viet Nam SPS Notification Authority and Enquiry Point 2 Ngoc Ha Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam Tel: +(84 4) 3734 4764 Fax: +(84 4) 3734 9019 E-mail: spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn Website: http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn</p> <p>Link to download: Original Document: "http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn/EnglishSPS/Lists/Documents.notification/Attachments/57/Thong%20tu%20Food_feed%20_VN_%20Gui%20VP%20SPS%20_1_.pdf" Unofficial English Translation: "http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn/EnglishSPS/Lists/Documents.notification/Attachments/57/Thong%20tu%20food_feed_EN_Gui%20VP%20SPS_29Aug.pdf"</p>