

**Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements for Export of Fresh Sweet
Potato from Viet Nam to China**
**between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the General Administration of
Customs of the People's Republic of China**

In order to ensure the safety export Viet Nam sweet potatoes to China on the basis of a pest risk analysis, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as "MARD") and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "GACC") , through friendly consultation, have agreed on the following consensus:

This Protocol pertains only to phytosanitary requirements. National Food Safety Standards of China also apply to sweet potatoes to be exported to China.

Article 1

Sweet potatoes(*Ipomoea batatas*) to be exported from Viet Nam to China refer to fresh sweet potatoes produced in Viet Nam and exported to China ,not for sowing.

Article 2

Growing field, as well as processing enterprises of sweet potatoes that are exported to China shall be registered by MARD to make sure that the sweet potatoes produced by relevant enterprises meet the requirements of this Protocol. The list of registered processing enterprises shall be forwarded by MARD to GACC. The enterprises shall be registered after being reviewed by GACC. GACC will publish the list on its official website and dynamically update it.

Article 3

Under the supervision of MARD, the growing field of sweet potatoes exported to China shall apply Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). During the growing period, MARD shall carry out pest surveillance on quarantine pests concerned by GACC, and implement effective pest control measures to mitigate the incidence of pests. If the pests or their corresponding symptoms

are found in the surveillance, MARD shall take comprehensive management measures to ensure that sweet potatoes to be exported to China are free of quarantine pests concerned by GACC. If new quarantine pests are found during surveillance, GACC shall be notified as soon as possible.

Monitoring and control of pests shall be carried out under the guidance of technical personnel. The technical personnel should be trained by MARD or MARD authorized institutions. MARD shall keep a record of pest monitoring and control, which shall be delivered to GACC upon request.

Article 4

MARD shall formulate and implement an official supervision plan for processing enterprises to supervise the processing (including cleaning and packaging), storage, and shipment of sweet potatoes to be exported to China. Processing enterprises shall establish a well-developed quality management and traceability system to ensure accurate traceability of sweet potatoes. Processing enterprises shall sort sweet potatoes exported to China and remove those with diseased spots, deformities, moth-eaten or pests hazard characteristics, take 2 times of clean water flushing process and remove impurities and other measures, ensure sweet potatoes are free of live insects, soil and plant debris such as branches, leaves, and vines, and other foreign impurities, effective measures should be taken to ensure that sweet potatoes do not carry quarantine pests of concern to China (see Annex).

Sweet potatoes shall be stored separately before export, separate from sweet potatoes sold to other markets and those that have not been cleaned or inspected for failure. Processing enterprises shall take effective pest control measures, set the trap for Weevil and Moth, to avoid pest infection. Each package of sweet potatoes to be exported to China shall be labeled in English or Chinese with the name of the growing field, the name of the processing enterprise, the corresponding registration number, etc. The following text shall be marked in Chinese or English on each package: "Exported to the People's Republic of China" (输往中华人民共和国).

The packing areas should be clean and hygienic, and the ground should be hardened. Pest control measures should be taken to ensure that it is not contaminated by rats and insects, etc. Packaging material shall be clean,

hygienic, unused, and compliant with relevant phytosanitary requirements of China. Wood packaging material shall comply with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures 15 (ISPM 15). Containers loaded with sweet potatoes should be clean and hygienic, and should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected if necessary.

Article 5

MARD shall formulate a scientific sampling inspection plan. Before the export of sweet potatoes, the inspection shall be carried out at 2% per batch of goods, no less than 60 sweet potatoes should be carried out peeling, cutting and send to official laboratory for sample testing. The inspection and testing items shall include but not limited to the quarantine pests of concern to China in this Protocol. If any live quarantine pests of concern to China, diseased plant remains, or soil were found, the consignment shall not be exported to China, and the related enterprise and growing field shall be suspended. MARD shall find the causes and take improvement measures.

Sweet potatoes that pass the quarantine inspection of MARD and meet the requirements of this Protocol are allowed to be exported to China. MARD shall issue a Phytosanitary Certificate in accordance with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures 12 (ISPM 12), indicating the name or registration number of the growing field and the processing enterprise, the container number, and the seal identification number. The following text shall be stated in the additional declaration: "This consignment complies with the requirements specified in the Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements for Export of sweet potato from Viet Nam to China, and is free from quarantine pests of concern to China."

Article 6

Sweet potatoes to be exported to China shall be imported from ports with designated supervision sites for imported grain in China. China Customs will carry out inspection and quarantine on sweet potatoes exported from Viet Nam to China at the port of entry, and any non-compliance found shall be treated in accordance with the following provisions:

- (I) without valid Phytosanitary Certificate, shall be returned or destroyed;
- (II) from unregistered processing enterprises, shall be returned or

destroyed;

(III) If soil were detected, shall be returned or destroyed;

(IV) If quarantine pests of concern to China, other living quarantine pests or plant residues are found, shall be treated, returned or destroyed.

(V) If non-compliance with any other requirements of China entry inspection and quarantine were found, shall be treated in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

If the above-mentioned non-compliance is found, GACC will notify MARD on case-by-case basis and suspend the qualification of relevant enterprises to export to China depending on the severity of the violation until China confirms that the problem has been effectively rectified.

Article 7

Before the formal trade, GACC will send quarantine official to carry out on-site inspection or remote video inspection the implementation of the protocol, processing conditions of enterprises and laboratory testing capacity, and MARD shall cooperate and assist.

GACC will complete an additional risk analysis based on the actual presence of pests in Viet Nam and pest interception. The list of quarantine pests and relevant quarantine measures may be adjusted as agreed with MARD. If necessary, GACC may send experts to Viet Nam for retrospective review, including on-site inspection.

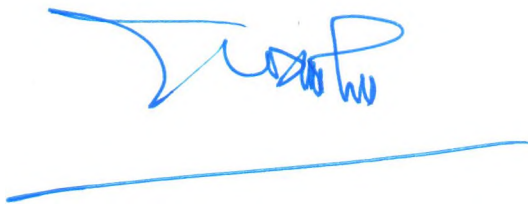
Viet Nam side will bear relevant expenses (including transportation expenses, accommodation expenses, etc.) and cooperate. The Protocol shall be amended based on the outcome of this inspection and with the agreement of the two sides.

Article 8

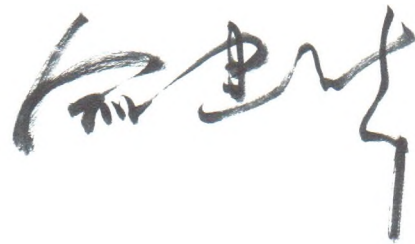
This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of signature by the two sides and shall remain in force for a period of three years. After a written agreement has been reached by the two sides, this Protocol may be amended. If either side wishes to terminate the Protocol, it shall notify the another side in writing at least three months in advance. If neither side submits a written intention of termination to the another side three months before the expiration of this Protocol, the validity period will be

automatically and consecutively renewed for another three years.
This Protocol is signed in Hanoi, Beijing on November 9, 2022 in duplicate,
each in the Vietnamese ,Chinese and English languages, and all texts being
equally authentic. In case of any ambiguity, the English version will prevail.

**Representative of
the Ministry of Agriculture and
Rural Development of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

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**Representative of
the General Administration of
Customs of the People's Republic of
China**

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ANNEX

List of Quarantine Pest Concerned by China

1. *Streptomyces ipomoeae*
2. *Pythium splendens*
3. *Pratylenchus brachyurus*
4. *Longidorus elongatus*
5. *Meloidogyne arenaria*
6. *Meloidogyne incognita*
7. *Meloidogyne javanica*