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PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION OF GOODS ORIGINATING FROM IMPORTED PLANTS

*Pursuant to the Law of Food safety No. 55/2010 / QH12 approved by National Assembly on June 17, 2010;**Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 38/2012/ND-CP dated April 25, 2012, detailing the implementation of some articles of the Law of Food safety;**Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 199/2013 / ND-CP dated November 26, 2013 defining the functions, tasks, entitlements and organizational structure of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development ;**Pursuant to Joint-Circular No. 13/2014 / TTLT-BYT-BNNPTNT-BCT dated April 9, 2014 providing guidance on the assignment and cooperation in state management of food safety;**At the request of the Director of the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department, the Director of Plant Protection Department ,**The Minister of Agriculture and Rural development promulgates the Circular providing guidance on food safety inspection of goods originating from imported plants***Chapter I****GENERAL PROVISIONS****Article 1. Scope of regulation**

1. This Circular stipulates inspection methods, procedures for registration, inspection of food safety for goods originating from plants used for food (hereinafter referred to as goods) imported into Vietnam under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; responsibilities and powers of the parties involved;

2. Goods under the Scope of regulation of this Circular are foods originating from plants specified in Appendix 2 of the Joint-Circular No. 13/2014 / TTLT-BYT-BNNPTNT-BCT dated April 9, 2014 providing guidance on assignment and cooperation in state management of food safety;

3. This Circular does not regulate contents, provisions relating to plant quarantine.

Article 2. Regulated entities

This Circular shall be applied to domestic and foreign organizations and individuals whose operations relate to the production and trading goods originating from plant used for food imported into Vietnam under the management of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Article 3. Imported goods exempted from food safety inspection

1. Hand goods for personal consumption of eligibility for import tax exemption;

2. Goods in diplomatic bags and consular bags;
3. Transited goods;
4. Goods sent in bonded warehouses;
5. Goods being samples for test, research;
6. Goods are exhibits in fairs and exhibitions.

Article 4. Interpretation of terms

In this Circular, the following terms shall be interpreted as follows:

1. *Imported goods batches* are goods of the same type, same origin and registered import inspection once;
2. *Importing organizations and individuals* (hereafter referred to as importers) are legal owners (direct or authorized) managing of imported goods;
3. *Violation of food safety regulations* means goods are detected wrong types or origins as declared or with signs of damage, infection of molds and fungi or impurities risking food unsafety; goods are found chemical residues, microbial contamination beyond the permitted limits under the regulations.
4. *Serious violations of food safety regulations* means goods are detected to violate food safety regulations at high risk of adversely affecting the health of users.
5. *Sampling frequency* is percentage of number of batches sampled of the total of batches of the same type, and country of origin imported into Vietnam.
6. *Goods of the same type* are products of the same species of plants and the same characteristics (fresh or processed).

Article 5. Inspection basis

1. Technical regulations and standards of Vietnam, international regulations of food safety
2. Bilateral conventions and agreements which Vietnam have signed in case Vietnam have signed the bilateral conventions and agreements on food safety with the exporting country

Article 6. Inspection standard

Standards of food safety inspected shall be decided by the inspection agency based on the history of compliance with regulations of manufacturers, importers; the actual situation on the risk of food unsafety from production places, production countries; actual situation of the batches and enclosed documents.

Article 7. Inspection agency

1. Inspection agencies at the checkpoint or gathering place shall be units under the Plant Protection Department or units assigned by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development on the basis of proposals of the Plant Protection Department.
2. Monitoring and inspection agencies of goods circulated in the market under assignment or decentralization shall be assigned units under the Service of Agriculture and Rural development.
3. Food safety inspection agency in the exporting country shall be the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department taking charge and cooperating with the Plant Protection Department and related agencies.

Article 8. Fees and funding for monitoring and inspection of food safety

1. The inspection agency shall collect the fees in accordance with the current regulations of the Ministry of Finance.
2. Funding for inspection in the exporting country shall be covered by the state budget. National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department shall take charge and cooperate with the Plant Protection Department to budget for inspection in exporting countries and request the competent authorities for approval;
3. Funding for monitoring and inspection of goods circulated in the market shall be covered in the state budget within the monitoring program specified in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development's Circular No. 05/2010 / TT-BNN dated January 22, 2010 providing guidance on inspection and supervision of food hygiene and safety of agricultural products before putting them in the market or covered in other legitimate sources of funding;
4. Funding for food safety inspection of imported goods originating from plant content for contents which are not charged fees shall be made plans and budgeted by inspection agency to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development, the Ministry of Finance for approval and allocation of estimates from the sources of economy services.

Chapter II

FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION METHODS

Article 9. Normal inspection methods

1. Step 1: Registration of exporting country
competent agencies in food safety of the exporting country for goods originating from plants used for food(hereinafter referred to as competent agencies of the exporting country) shall submit an application as prescribed in Article 13 of this Circular to the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department for recognition verification of control system eligibility, ensure food safety in accordance with the provisions of Vietnam and request the Ministry to be included in List of countries registering for export of food originating from plants to Vietnam.
 - b) The procedures for registration, verification and reorganization of meeting the regulations on food safety assurance of Vietnam and including in the list of countries registering for export of food originating from plants to Vietnam shall be prescribed in Chapter III of this Circular;
 - c) Step 1 shall not be applied for imported goods which are packaged processed food granted the Certificate of Declaration of conformity or Certificate of conformity of food safety regulations, goods temporarily imported for re-export or imported goods used as raw materials, materials for processing for export.
2. Step 2: Inspection of batches of imported goods:
 - a) At the checkpoint or gathering place, applications and bond shall be inspected and samples shall be taken with frequency up to 10% for imported batches depending on the level of risks of the goods. In this case, organizations and individuals shall be allowed to carry out the procedures for customs clearance after inspection agency inspects application, bond which meets requirements and grant Certificate of food safety inspection in the form prescribed in Appendix 5 of this Circular;
 - b) Within 06 (six) months of inspection, if goods of the same type, and country of origin are detected to commit violation of food safety regulations for 03 (three) times or more, stringent inspection methods (defined in Article 10 of this Circular) shall be applied for such types of goods when they are imported from exporting countries of violated goods. The time for application of stringent inspection methods shall be counted since the third time of detection for goods of the same type, the country of origin of violating food safety regulations;
 - c) Procedures for inspection of batches of imported goods shall be prescribed in Chapter IV of this Circular.
3. Step 3: Inspection of goods of post-customs clearance:

Imported goods of post-customs clearance must be under the inspection prescribed in Article 19 of this Circular.

Article 10. Stringent inspection methods

1. At the checkpoint or gathering place, the batches of imported goods shall be inspected the application and bond; sampling for testing

of goods shall be applied the stringent inspection method with the frequency of up to 30%.

2. If the batches of imported goods are under the stringent inspection method but are not sampled for test, organizations and individuals shall be allowed to make customs clearance after inspection agency inspects application, bond which meet requirements.
3. Batches of imported goods which are applied the stringent inspection method and must be sampled for test shall be as follows:
 - a) For batches of goods of organizations and individuals who do not have goods of the same kind, the country of origin which are imported and previously committed violations: Be entitled to carry out the procedures for customs clearance after the inspection result of application, bond meet the requirements;
 - b) For batches of goods of organizations and individuals who have goods of the same kind, the country of origin which are imported and previously committed violations of food safety: Only be entitled to carry out the procedures for customs clearance after the inspection result, test samples meet the requirements;
4. Based on the stringent inspection results within 6 (six) months, the application of the inspection method shall be defined as follows:
 - a) Temporary suspension of import of goods: If 05 (five) or more batches of goods of the same type, and country of origin which are under stringent inspection methods are detected to commit violations of the regulations on food safety;
 - b) Maintenance of stringent inspection method in 6 (six) following months: If from 01 (one) to 04 (four) batches of goods of the same type, and country of origin which are under stringent inspection are continued to be detected to commit violations of regulations on food safety;
 - c) Cancellation of the stringent inspection method: If at least 05 (five) batches of goods of the same type, country of origin which are under stringent inspection method are sampled for test and undetected to commit violations of regulations on food safety.
5. In case of an international warning about the serious risk of food unsafety, a specific management method of imported goods shall be carried out on the basis of international measures which are applied to the types of goods warned.
6. Procedures for registration, inspection of batches of imported goods shall be prescribed in Chapter IV of this Circular.
7. Imported goods of post-customs clearance must be inspected as prescribed in Article 19 of this Circular.

Article 11. Reduction inspection methods

The provisions of Clause 2, Article 39 of the Law of Food safety and Article 15 of Decree No. 38/2012 / ND-CP shall be applied. Methods of inspection, sampling for test of the inspected batches shall be carried out under International Agreement which Vietnam has signed or participated in mutual recognition for the certification of food safety.

Article 12. Customs clearance of goods

Goods imported into Vietnam shall be granted customs clearance only when Certificate of the food safety inspection of goods originating from plants imported granted by the inspection agency in the form prescribed in Appendix 5 of this Circular is obtained.

Chapter III

REGISTRATION OF EXPORTING COUNTRY AND INSPECTION IN EXPORTING COUNTRY

Article 13. Application of exporting country

Competent agencies of competent agencies shall submit the origin of the English or Vietnamese application to National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (directly or by post), including:

1. Information on the management system and the capacity of the competent authority of the exporting country on food safety control in the form prescribed in Appendix 1 to this Circular;
2. The list of plant protection products, growth regulators, preservatives used in manufacturing, trading of goods in the form prescribed in Appendix 2 of this Circular;
3. Food safety monitoring program updated annually of exporting country for goods in manufacturing, domestic trading and export in the form prescribed in Appendix 7 of this Circular.

Article 14. Verification of applications

the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department shall take charge and cooperate with Plant Protection Department to verify the applications prescribed in Article 13 of this Circular and notify the competent authority of exporting country the verification results as follows:

1. If the verification results meet all regulations on food safety in Vietnam, the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department shall report the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development for reorganization and update into the List of countries registering for export of foods originating from plants to Vietnam on the website of the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (www.nafiqad.gov.vn);
2. If the verification results do not meet all regulations on the food safety in Vietnam, the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department shall notify in writing to the competent authority of the exporting country to request for additional information to complete the application as prescribed.

Article 15. Inspection in exporting country

1. Where necessary, the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department shall take charge and cooperate with the Plant Protection Department to establish the inspection plan; notify and cooperate with the competent authority of the exporting country to inspect food safety control systems and food safety assurance conditions of production facilities for export of goods in Vietnam;
2. Within 30 working days from the end of inspections in the exporting country, the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department shall take charge and cooperate with the Plant Protection Department to complete the draft of report of inspection results and submit to the competent Authority of the exporting country for comments within 30 days before the official publication of report of inspection results. The report shall clearly state reasons for cases which are ineligible to export goods to Vietnam if the inspection results do not fully meet the requirements as prescribed.

Chapter IV

REGISTRATION, INSPECTION OF FOOD SAFETY FOR BATCHES OF IMPORTED GOODS

Article 16. Registration for inspection of batches of imported goods

Organizations and individuals shall register for inspection of food safety directly with inspection agencies at the checkpoint. The application shall include:

1. The original of the written registration of food safety inspection (in the form in Appendix 3);
2. For imported goods that contain genetically modified ingredients:

Named in the list of plants genetically modified granted Certificate under the provisions of Circular 02/2014 / TT-BNN dated January 24, 2014 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development defining procedures for issuance and revocation of Certificates of genetically modified plants eligible for use as food, animal feed;

3. For irradiated goods:

A copy of the Certificate of free sale (CFS) granted by the competent authority of the exporting country as stipulated in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development's Circular 63/2010 / TT-BNN dated November 1, 2010 providing guidance on regulations of the certificate of free sale for products, exported and imported goods under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development;

Article 17. Inspection contents

1. Application inspection: inspection agency shall inspect the applications (origin, history of compliance with food safety regulations of the organization, individuals, production facilities, and the provisions for genetically modified foods, irradiated foods and other provisions related)
2. Bonded inspection (does not apply to batches of goods temporarily imported for re-export): inspection agency shall inspect the status of packaging, labeling when the goods arrive the checkpoint; inspect the conformity with the declared contents and unusual signs with risk of food unsafety.
3. Sampling for test (does not apply to batches of goods temporarily imported for re-export):
 - a) Inspection agency shall sample for test of food safety standards at registered places under the method specified in Article 9, Article 10, Article 11 of this Circular;
 - b) Sampling must ensure the representation for the imported products and be taken in any of the inspected imported consignments.
4. Inspection record of application, bond shall be established and samples shall be taken in the form prescribed in Appendix 4 of this Circular.

Article 18. Issuance of Certificates of food safety inspection

1. Certificates of food safety inspection shall be issued to batches of imported goods within 01 (one) working days, as follows:
 - a) For cases specified at Point a, Clause 2, Article 9, clause 2 and Point a, Clause 3, Article 10 of this Circular: From the date of receipt of a satisfactory application.
 - b) For cases specified at Point b, Clause 3, Article 10 of this Circular: From the date of receipt of analysis results which meet the requirements of the designated laboratories.
2. The batches that do not meet food safety requirements (in the form prescribed in Appendix 6 of this Circular) shall be notified within 01 (one) working days after inspection results of the batches which do not meet the requirements.
3. Time of sampling, submission of samples, testing and returning results shall be within 10 working days.

Article 19. Contents of inspection of imported goods circulated on the market

1. Condition of preservation, packaging, labeling (if any) of goods circulated in the market shall be inspected as assigned by the provisions of Clause 2, Article 7 of this Circular;
2. Information, origin of batches of imported goods shall be inspected;
3. Samples of goods shall be taken to send to the designated testing agency to analyze food safety standards when the goods are detected with signs of violations or suspected food safety or upon request of the competent State agencies.
4. Traceability, recovery and handling of the batches of violated goods shall be under the provisions of Circular No. 74/2011 / TT-BNN dated October 30, 2011 defining traceability, recovery and handling of agro forestry foods that do not meet safety regulations under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

Chapter V**HANDLING MEASURES OF VIOLATIONS AGAINST REGULATIONS ON FOOD SAFETY****Article 20. For imported goods**

1. Goods batches violated seriously food safety regulations shall be forced to be re-exported or destroyed.
2. Goods batches detected to commit violations against regulations on food safety, but can be used for other purposes without risks to human health shall be changed their use purpose;
3. The competent authorities shall be notified of the exporting country's food safety and requested to coordinate in investigation of reasons, give appropriate remedial measures;
4. Related domestic competent authorities shall be notified and cooperated to request importers to recover, handle and monitor the handling process of the batches seriously committing violations of food safety regulations;
5. Serious violations of food safety regulations shall be announced on means of mass media to carry out traceability, recovery and guidance consumers on precautions.

Article 21. For exporting country

1. Importing goods from exporting country shall be temporarily suspended in the following cases:
 - a) Cases are prescribed Point a, Clause 4, Article 10 of this Circular;
 - b) Inspection results as prescribed in Article 15 indicate that food safety control system of the exporting country has not fully met the prescribed requirements;
 - c) The exporting country does not cooperate or facilitate for the competent authorities of Vietnam to inspect under the provisions of Article 15 of this Circular.
2. Goods are only exports to Vietnam when the inspection results according to the provisions of Article 15 indicate that the competent authority of the exporting country has implemented food safety control measures which meet the requirements as prescribed.
3. The Minister of Agriculture and Rural development shall base on the proposal of the Director of Plant Protection Department and the Director of the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department to decide on temporary suspension of import or continuation of export of goods originating from plants as follows:
 - a) The decision on temporarily suspension of import takes effect after 60 (sixty) days from the date of signing which shall be the deadline for implementation of food safety inspection procedures of the batches of imported goods into Vietnam.
 - b) The decision on continuation of import of goods takes effect from the date of signing which shall be the deadline for implementation of food safety inspection procedures of the batches of imported goods into Vietnam.
 - c) Within three (03) working days, the Decision on temporary suspension or continuation of import or goods into Vietnam shall be notified to the competent authority in food safety of the exporting country and updated on the website of National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (www.nafiqad.gov.vn).

Chapter VI**RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS****Article 22. Responsibilities of the inspection agency**

1. Inspection agencies at the checkpoint and gathering place shall
 - a) Inspect and grant Certificate or food safety inspection or Notification of unsatisfactory goods of food safety for goods imported under the provisions of Chapter IV of this Circular;
 - b) Notify accurately, objectively and honestly; comply strictly with the procedures for inspection, sampling goods for testing as prescribed;
 - c) Cooperate with the customs authorities to inspect imported goods, handle and monitor the handling process for violations of food safety regulations as prescribed by law.
 - d) Within 01 (one) working day from the date of detection of cases of imported goods batches committing violations against regulations food safety, notify the Plant Protection Department to summarize and report to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development (through National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department) ;

- e) Collect fees as prescribed.
- 2. Inspection agencies of goods circulated in the market as assigned or decentralized shall:
 - a) Inspect and monitor food safety for imported goods circulated in administrative division under the provisions of Article 19 of this Circular;
 - b) Notify promptly the Service of Agriculture and Rural development if imported goods circulated in the administrative division committing violations of food safety regulations;
 - c) Trace, recover and handle imported goods batches which do not ensure the food safety in accordance with the provisions of Circular No. 74/2011 / TT-BNN dated October 30, 2011 after receiving the notification of the batches seriously violated food safety regulations;
- 3. Food safety inspection agencies in the exporting country shall:
 - a) Establish inspection plans and inspect food safety in the exporting country after the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development issue an establishment decision of Inspectorate;
 - b) Cooperate with the competent authority of the exporting country to commence inspection contents;
 - c) Report the inspection result to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development within 15 days after the end of the inspection in the exporting country;
 - d) Notify the inspection results to the competent authority of the exporting country as stipulated in Article 15 of this Circular.

Article 23. Rights of inspection agencies

- 1. Request organizations and individuals to provide related documents, records for inspection service;
- 2. Inspect and sample imported goods under methods and procedures prescribed in this Circular;
- 3. Decide handling measures and monitor the handling of batches which do not meet import requirements

Article 24. Responsibilities of importers

- 1. Register for food safety inspection in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of this Circular;
- 2. Facilitate for officers of inspection agencies to inspect, sample for tests and monitor goods as prescribed;
- 3. Provide adequately applications and samples related to the inspection service, traceability;
- 4. Comply with the handling decision and get the supervision of the inspection agencies;
- 5. Trace, recover and handle imported goods batches which do not ensure the food safety in accordance with the provisions of Circular No. 74/2011 / TT-BNN dated October 30, 2011 after receiving the notification of the batches seriously violated food safety regulations;
- 6. Pay fees of inspection and testing in accordance with current regulations of the Ministry of Finance and pay the actual cost of handling of the batches which do not meet food safety requirements;
- 7. Be responsible for storage of imported goods pending the conclusion of inspection as prescribed at Point b, Clause 3, Article 10 of this Circular or pending handling of competent agencies.

Article 25. Rights of importers

- 1. Request the inspection agencies to review inspection results.
- 2. Complain, denounce and settle complaints, denunciation in accordance with the legislation on complaints and denunciations.

Chapter VII

IMPLEMENTATION

Article 26. National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department

- 1. Receive applications for export of goods to Vietnam from the competent authority of the exporting country; exchange information, notify inspection plans (if necessary) to the competent authority of the exporting country and request the Ministry for establishment decision of Inspectorate of Vietnam to inspect the exporting country;
- 2. Take charge and cooperate with the Plant Protection Department:
 - a) Propose the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to announce the list of countries assessed the mutual recognition by Vietnam; publicize the list of countries registering for export of foods originating from plants to Vietnam; decide the temporary suspension or continuation of import of goods originating from plants to Vietnam. Notify to competent authorities of the exporting country of goods batches food which do not ensure food safety and cooperate to investigate the cause and take appropriate remedial measures.
 - b) Inspect food safety control systems and assurance conditions of food safety of production facilities in the exporting country;
 - c) Trace, recover and handle imported goods batches that seriously commit violations of food safety regulations;
- 3. Report annually, or extraordinarily (upon request) to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on the situation of food safety inspection for imported goods;
- 4. Establish annually plans, estimates and settlement of funds (covered in the state budget) for the food safety inspection for exporting country and imported goods as assigned for fee-free contents; summarize into the annual estimates, settlement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development under the provisions of the Law on Budget and the current guiding documents.

Article 27. Plant Protection Department

- 1. Take charge and cooperate with related functional agencies to determine cases in which imported goods seriously commit violations of food safety regulations.
- 2. Direct and monitor inspection agencies at the checkpoint and gathering places to:
 - a) Inspect imported goods under the inspection methods specified in this Circular;
 - b) Issue Certificates of food safety inspection, or notify cases in which imported goods batches do not meet food safety requirements as prescribed in Article 18 of this Circular;
 - c) Cooperate with functional agencies to handle batches which do not ensure food safety and monitor the handling process.
- 3. Guide unit assigned to inspect and monitor the food safety of imported goods circulated in the market by the Service of Agriculture and Rural development;
- 4. Report promptly in writing to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (through the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development) in case:
 - a) Detect the imported goods batches committing violations of food safety to cooperate to trace, recover and handle the goods batches seriously violated the food safety and inform warnings to the competent authority of the exporting country.
 - b) Propose temporary suspension of import of goods to Vietnam for cases specified at Point a, Clause 4, Article 10 of this Circular.
- 5. Report annually, or extraordinarily (upon request) to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (through National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department) on the situation of food safety inspection for imported goods;
- 6. Cooperate with National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department to commence operations specified in Clause 2, Article 26 of this Circular;
- 7. Establish annually plans, estimates and settlement of funds (covered in the state budget) for the food safety inspection for imported goods as assigned for fee-free contents; summarize into the annual estimates, settlement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development under the provisions of the Law on Budget and the current guiding documents.

Article 28. Service of Agriculture and Rural development in central-affiliated cities and provinces

- 1. Direct the subordinate units as assigned to inspect and monitor food safety for imported goods circulated in the administrative division;

2. Notify promptly to the National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department, the Plant Protection Department of cases in which imported goods circulated in the administrative division commit violations of food safety regulations;
3. Cooperate with functional agencies to trace, recover and handle batches which do not ensure food safety and monitor the implementation process.
4. Submit reports annually or extraordinarily (upon request) on results of inspection and monitoring food safety for imported goods circulated in the administrative division to the Plant Protection Department to summarize and report to the Ministry;
5. Establish annually plans and budget estimates for inspection and monitoring food safety for imported goods as assigned and request the competent authorities for approval and funding.

CHAPTER VIII**IMPLEMENTAION PROVISIONS****Article 29. Effect**

1. This Circular takes effect from May 5, 2015.
2. This circular replaces Circular No. 13/2011 / TT-BNN dated March 16, 2011 providing guidance on food safety inspection of goods originating from plants imported, Circular 05/2013 / TT BNNPTNT dated January 21, 2013 amending and supplementing a number of articles of Circular No. 13/2011 / TT-BNN dated March 16, 2011 providing guidance on food safety inspection of goods originating from plants imported and the consolidated document No. 03 / VBHN-BNNPTNT dated December 19, 2013, Circular provides guidance on food safety inspection of goods originating from plants imported.
3. Countries which have been verified the applications and recognized export of foods originating from plants to Vietnam under the provisions of Circular No. 13/2011 / TT-BNN dated March 16, 2011 and Circular 05 / 2013 / TT-BNN dated January 21, 2013 amending and supplementing a number of articles of Circular No. 13/2011 / TT-BNN dated March 16, 2011 shall continue to be recognized when this Circular takes effect.
4. Any problems arising in the course of implement should be reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development (through National Agro - Forestry - Fisheries Quality Assurance Department , Plant Protection Department) for consideration, amendment and supplementation./.

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