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Report Name: Vietnam Revises Maximum Levels for Salmonella and Heavy Metals in Feed Ingredients of Plant Origin

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Report Highlights:

On June 30, 2021, the Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued Circular 05/2021 Promulgating the Amendment 1:2021 of National Technical Regulation (NTR) 190: Maximum Allowable Levels (MLs) of Undesirable Substances in Animal Feed and Aqua Feed Ingredients. This Amendment removes the zero tolerance for Salmonella and maximum levels for arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury in feed ingredients of plant origin.

Summary

On March 9, 2020, MARD issued Circular 4/2020 promulgating NTR190: Maximum Allowable Levels (MLs) of Safety Indicators in Animal Feed and Aqua Feed Ingredients ([GAIN Report VM2020-0016](#)). NTR190 set a zero tolerance for *Salmonella* and maximum levels for heavy metals in feed ingredients of plant origin both imported and domestically produced in Vietnam. This NTR, was scheduled to enter into force on July 1, 2020, but Vietnam's trading partners, including the United States, raised concerns about its potential impact on trade.

Following engagement from the United States and other trading partners, on June 30, 2020, MARD postponed the implementation of the zero tolerance for *Salmonella* and maximum levels for total arsenic (As), cadmium (Cd), lead (Pb), and mercury (Hg) in feed ingredients of plant origin, for one year to allow time for further review and assessment ([GAIN Report VM2020-0067](#)).

On May 12, 2021, Vietnam notified the Amendment of NTR190 to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as G/SPS/N/VNM/113/Add.3. This notification gave stakeholders an opportunity to review and provide Vietnam with comments regarding the revisions of NTR190. The comment period closed on June 15, 2021.

On June 30, 2021, MARD issued Circular 05/2021 Promulgating the Amendment 1:2021 of National Technical Regulation (NTR) 190: Maximum Allowable Levels (MLs) of Undesirable Substances in Animal Feed and Aqua Feed Ingredients. This Amendment goes into effect on July 1, 2021, and officially removes the zero tolerance for *Salmonella* and maximum levels for arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury in feed ingredients of plant origin.

Post continues to monitor the implementation of the Amendment of NTR190. Should U.S. exporters have any questions, please contact: aghanoi@fas.usda.gov.

Attachments:

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