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Report Name: Vietnam Extends the Use of Glyphosate until June 2021

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Report Highlights:

On April 24, 2020, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued Circular 06/2020 to extend the use of plant protection products containing glyphosate in Vietnam to June 30, 2021. This Circular takes effect on June 9, 2020, one day prior to the effective date of the previous ban under MARD's Decision 1186.

Summary

On April 24, 2020, MARD issued Circular 06/2020 amending Circular 10/2019 on the List of Permissible Plant Protection Products and the List of Prohibited Plant Protection Products in Vietnam. This Circular deactivates the glyphosate ban under MARD's Decision 1186 dated April 10, 2019 and extends the use of glyphosate products to June 30, 2021. Vietnam continues to maintain maximum residue levels (MRLs) for glyphosate in accordance with CODEX MRLs as prescribed in the Ministry of Health's Circular 50/2016 (GAIN Report [VM7026](#)).

Timeline of Glyphosate Regulations in Vietnam since April 2019

On April 10, 2019, MARD issued Decision 1186 to remove all plant protection products containing glyphosate from the List of Permissible Plant Protection Products in Vietnam. This Decision included an Appendix containing a list of all permissible glyphosate products in Vietnam. This Decision took effect on June 10, 2019, sixty (60) days after the signing date and allowed the use of glyphosate products for one year following the effective date. Accordingly, MARD suspended all registrations of glyphosate products and banned the import and manufacture of glyphosate on June 10, 2019. MARD stated that Decision 1186 was an administrative decision, so it was not notified to the WTO.

On September 20, 2019, MARD issued Circular 10/2019 to renew the List of Permissible Plant Protection Products and the List of Prohibited Plant Protection Products in Vietnam. Circular 10 maintained all glyphosate products listed in the Appendix of Decision 1186 on the List of Permissible Plant Protection Products in Vietnam. Circular 10/2019 took effect on November 5, 2019. Article 2- Transitional Provisions did not reference the effective date of the glyphosate ban under Decision 1186.

On February 17, 2020, Vietnam sent a notification to the WTO as G/SPS/N/VNM/110 on the draft Circular amending Article 2 - Transitional Provisions of MARD's Circular 10/2019. The draft added one provision to Article 2- Plant protection products containing glyphosate are prohibited for production and importation; and are sold and used until June 30, 2021.

On April 24, 2020, MARD issued Circular 6/2020 to extend the use of plant protection products containing glyphosate in Vietnam to June 30, 2021. This Circular continues to ban the import and manufacture of glyphosate products.

Circular 6/2020 is available in Vietnamese at: <https://www.mard.gov.vn/Pages/vbpq-toanvan.aspx?ItemID=142031>. Should U.S. exporters have any questions regarding these regulations, please contact aghanoi@fas.usda.gov

Below is a translation of Circular 6/2020.

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Hanoi, April 24, 2020

CIRCULAR

Amendment to the Circular 10/2019/TT-BNNPTNT dated September 20, 2019 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on List of Permissible and Prohibited Plant Protection Products in Vietnam

Pursuant to the Government’s Decree 15/2017/ND-CP dated February 17, 2017 defining the Functions, Tasks, Powers and Organizational Structure of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

Pursuant to the Law on Plant Protection and Quarantine dated November 25, 2013;

At the request of Director of Plant Protection Department;

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development promulgates a Circular regarding amendment to the Circular 10/2019/TT-BNNPTNT dated September 20, 2019 by Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on List of Permissible and Banned Plant Protection Products in Vietnam

Article 1. Amendment to the Article 2, Circular 10/2019/TT-BNNPTNT dated September 20, 2019 by Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on List of Permissible and Prohibited Plant Protection Products in Vietnam as follows:

“Plant protection products containing glyphosate are prohibited to produce and import; and are sold and used until June 30, 2021”.

Article 2. Entry into force

This Circular comes into force as from June 9, 2020.

Article 3. Implementation responsibility

1. Chief of Ministry Office, Director of Plant Protection Department, heads of affiliates of the Ministry, Directors of Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development of provinces or central-affiliated cities and relevant entities and individuals shall be responsible for implementing this Circular./.

2. Difficulties that arise during the implementation of this Circular should be reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (via the Plant Protection Department) for consideration./.

Recipients:

- As Article 3.;
- Government Office;
- MARD Leadership;
- Government Gazette;
- Government Office Website;
- MARD Website;
- Ministry of Justice's Department of Examination of Legal Normative Documents;
- Other relevant Ministries and ministerial-level agencies
- General Department of Customs;
- Provincial Plant Protection Departments
- MARD agencies
- Filing at PPD.

ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER

DEPUTY MINISTER

Le Quoc Doanh

(signed and sealed)

Attachments:

No Attachments.