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Report Highlights:

On February 14, 2020, the Department of Livestock Production (DLP) of Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued an official letter 76/CN-TACN to detail the new requirements on quality examination for imported feed ingredients, which was provided in Decree 13/2020 guiding the implementation of the Animal Husbandry Law. Accordingly, DLP announced that a Certificate of Free Sale (CFS) or Equivalent Document issued by the competent agency of the country of origin is required beginning March 5, 2020 for the feed ingredients which are currently listed under the National Technical Regulation (NTR) 01-78:2011. This includes corn, rice, wheat, soybean, soybean meals, oilseed meals, fish meals, raw materials of animal origin: blood meal, bone meal, meat and bone meal, feather meal, skimmed milk powder, vegetable oil and animal fat. CFS or Equivalent Documents is required for other ingredients which are not listed under NTR 01-78:2011 beginning July 1, 2020.

Summary:

On January 21, 2020, the Government of Vietnam (GVN) issued Decree 13/2020 detailing the Animal Husbandry Law which renews conditions for manufacturing and trading animal feeds (not including feeds for aquatic animals). Regarding the quality examination for imported feed ingredients, Decree 13/2020 provides that the examination must be carried out in compliance with National Technical Regulations on safety criteria for animal feeds (Item 2 Article 3). In addition, **CFS or Equivalent Document** must be included in a dossier for registration of quality examination prior to arrival of shipments (Point c Item 3 Article 18). Decree 13/2020 takes effect on March 5, 2020 and replaces Decree 39/2017 on Feed Management. Regarding the imported animal feed and feed ingredients without technical regulations, Decree 13/2020 allows a transitional period until June 30, 2020 for the submission of CFS or Equivalent Documents (Item 5 Article 34).

Feed ingredients subject to CFS requirement

On February 14, 2020, DLP has issued an official letter 76/CN-TACN to list out the feed ingredients for which CFS is required to be submitted in a registration dossier for import quality examination from March 5, 2020. Accordingly, CFS must be submitted prior to arrival of shipments for the feed ingredients which are currently listed under the National Technical Regulation (NTR) 01-78:2011- Safety criteria and maximum level in animal feeds. This includes:

- Corn: corn kernels, corn flour, broken corn
- Rice and rice products
- Wheat and wheat products
- Gluten types: corn gluten and wheat gluten
- Soybean and soybean products: soybean seeds, soybean meal (whole or oil split)
- Other types of oil seed meals: peanut meal, palm meals, rapeseed meal, sesame meals, Sunflower seed meal, linseed meal, coconut meal, cotton meal, lupine meal
- Dried cassava
- Raw materials of aquatic animal origin: fish meal, shrimp head meal, seafood processing by-product meal
- Raw materials of other animal origin: blood meal, bone meal, meat and bone meal, feather meal, skimmed milk powder
- Vegetable oil and animal fat

Requirements on CFS or Equivalent Documents

DLP confirmed they accept CFS or an Equivalent Document which contains the information required in Decree 69/2019 guiding the Law on Foreign Trade as below:

- Name of CFS issuing agency.
- Number and date of issuance of CFS.
- Name of products and goods that are issued CFS.
- Type or group of products and goods subject to CFS.
- Name and address of the manufacturer (see below for clarification).
- On the CFS, it must clearly state that the products and goods are manufactured and allowed to be sold freely in the market of the country of manufacture or the CFS issuing country.

- Full name, signature of the CFS signer and seal of CFS issuing agency.

DLP recently provided the Office of Agricultural Affairs some clarifications:

- CFS is a one-time requirement. It can be reused and re-submitted to the National Single Window for registration of import examination for every shipment and there is no expiration date (unless one is added by issuing agency).
- Due to the nature of commodity trade, DLP confirmed they will accept the name of 'manufacturer' on CFS may be the name of distributor/shipper/exporter that aggregates commodities from multiple sources.
- The requirement goes into effect for the aforementioned products on arrival beginning March 5, 2020. However, the CFS can be issued at any time before arrival of commodity/product.
- This requirement is delayed until July 1 for some products such as DDGs and some dairy ingredients, for which MARD has yet set up NTRs on safety criteria. In the meanwhile, DLP is drafting a Circular issuing NTRs on safety criteria for feed ingredients and traditional feeds. This new Circular shall be issued and take effect by the 3rd quarter of this year.
- Products meant for human consumption such as soybeans for human food applications, soybean oil, wheat or other commodities do not require a CFS.
- The Plant Protection Department (PPD) and the Animal Health Department (DAH) will be implementing Departments for products of plant origin and animal origin respectively.

Certificate of Free Sale Point of Contact List

A U.S. directory of entities who issue state-level Certificates of Free Sale is available at:

<https://www.fas.usda.gov/certificate-free-sale-point-contact-list>.

Post continues to monitor the implementation of Decree 13 and DLP's guidance. Should U.S. exporters have any questions or need clarification, please contact aghamoi@fas.usda.gov.

DLP's official letter 76/CN-TACN in Vietnamese is available at:

<http://cucchannuoi.gov.vn/cong-van-so-76-cn-tacn-ngay-14-thang-02-nam-2020-ve-viec-quy-dinh-moi-ve-kiem-tra-nha-nuoc-chat-luong-thuc-an-chan-nuoi-nhap-khau/>

National Technical Regulation (NTR) 01-78:2011- Safety criteria and maximum level in animal feeds is available at:

http://vanban.chinhphu.vn/portal/page/portal/chinhphu/hethongvanban?class_id=1&mode=detail&document_id=153557

Attachments:

[20200110 Decree 13-2020 guiding animal husbandry translated.doc](#)