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Report Highlights:

On September 20, 2021, Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued Circular 11/2021 on the promulgation of Harmonized System (HS) codes for imported and exported goods subject to its management. This Circular lists the HS codes for all imported and exported goods subject to MARD's specialized inspection including terrestrial animals and animal products, plant products, aquatic animals and aquatic animal products, and feed ingredients. MARD removed products with HS Codes 19, 21, 22 from the list of products subject to terrestrial animal quarantine inspection and processed fish products including smoked, salted, brined, and heat-treated products from the list of aquatic animals and their products subject to quarantine. This Circular entered into force on November 6, 2021, replacing Circular 15/2018 dated October 29, 2018. This report provides an unofficial translation of the Circular and Appendix I, Sections 1,5,9, and 14.

Summary

On September 20, 2021, Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued Circular 11/2021 on the promulgation of Harmonized System (HS) codes for goods subject to MARD's management and the lists of imported and exported goods subject to MARD's specialized inspection. MARD's specialized inspection process includes quarantine, food safety, and quality inspections. This Circular entered into force on November 6, 2021, replacing Circular 15/2018 dated October 29, 2018.

Imported goods subject to MARD's specialized inspection includes terrestrial animals and animal products; aquatic animals and aquatic animal products; plant products; seeds; pesticides and fertilizers; veterinary drugs; animal feed; and timber products.

The Circular has three appendices that specify the HS code for each line of imported goods subject to MARD's management, and its relevant specialized inspections. HS codes will be applied by the Vietnamese importer for the registration for import inspection and customs clearance.

Appendix I provides a total list of the HS codes of goods subject to MARD's management.

Appendix II provides a list of the HS codes for 1,639 lines of imported goods subject to MARD's specialized inspection prior to customs clearance.

Appendix III provides a list of the HS codes for three specific goods subject to MARD's specialized inspection in the post-customs clearance process.

- Bovine semen with HS code 0511.10.00
- Industrial salt with HS code 2501.00.20 or 2501.00.99
- Wood glues/adhesives containing free formaldehyde with HS code 3506.91.00 or 3506.99.00

HS Codes for Plant Products

The HS codes for imported products subject to plant quarantine are located in Appendix I, Section 9. All plant products listed in this section require a Phytosanitary Certificate from the competent authority of the exporting country.

Popcorn with HS code 1005.90.10 now requires a quarantine inspection from MARD, except for pre-packaged and labeled products.

The quarantine requirements for frozen potatoes with HS code 2004.10.00 have been revised. Frozen skin-on cut potatoes and steamed potatoes are now exempt from quarantine. Frozen cut, peeled, or smashed potatoes continue to be exempt from quarantine requirements.

MARD removed the following HS Codes from the list of plant products subject to quarantine inspection:

- Crushed or ground vanilla with HS code 0905.20.00
- Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included those used primarily in tanning or dyeing with HS code 1404.90.20
- Flax yarn with HS code 5306.10.00, and yarn of jute or of other textile bast fibers of heading 53.03 with HS code 5307.10.00.

HS Codes for Animal Products

The HS codes for terrestrial animals and animal products subject to quarantine inspection are located in Appendix I, Section 1.

The following animal products are no longer subject to quarantine inspection:

- All food preparations with HS code 1901
- Medical foods processed from milk with HS code 2106.90.96
- Beverages containing flavored UHT milk-based drinks with HS code 2202.99.10
- Casein with HS code 3501.10.00
- Tanned or dressed fur skins with HS code 4302, animal hair with HS codes 5104 and 5105, and animal products used in the preparation of pharmaceutical products including bile and glands with HS code 0510.00.00.

HS Codes for Fishery Products

The list of HS codes of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products subject to quarantine is provided in Appendix I, Section 5. Processed products including smoked, salted, brined, and heat-treated are no longer subject to quarantine.

Key products removed from the list:

Products for human consumption

- All processed fish products with the HS code 0305, including fried, salted, or in brine, smoked fish, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process, flours, meals, and pellets of fish, fit for human consumption.
- All crustacean and mollusk processed products, including heat-treated, dried, smoked, chemical, salted, brine, and fermented under HS code 0306 and 0307.
- Caviar with HS code 1604.31.00.

Other products

- Artemia eggs (Brine shrimp egg) with HS code 0511.91.20 and fish skins with HS code 0511.91.30

- Flours, meals, and pellets of fish or of crustaceans, mollusks, unfit for human consumption, with HS code 23.01.

HS Codes for Feed Ingredients and Completed Feed

The list of HS codes for imported feed ingredients is provided in Appendix I, Section 14. There were no major changes in this version of the Circular.

Circular 11/2021 (in Vietnamese) can be accessed here:

http://vanban.chinhphu.vn/portal/page/portal/chinhphu/hethongvanban?class_id=1&_page=1&mode=detail&document_id=204147

Should U.S. exporters have any questions regarding this Circular, please contact aghamoi@fas.usda.gov

Attachments:

[Unofficial Translation of Circular 112021 and Sections 1,5,9, and 14 of the Circular Appendix I.docx](#)