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Report Highlights:

Recently, Post received information from the trade that the Vietnamese authorities have started applying plant quarantine requirements for agricultural products that have originated in Cambodia and are transhipped through Vietnam, according to Circular #33/2014/TT-BNNPTNT. Post would like to remind shippers who deliver plant products to Cambodia that transit in Vietnam about this requirement in light of the increased inspections.

General Information:

Recently, trade contacts advised Post that Vietnamese authorities are applying plant quarantine requirements for agricultural products that have originated in Cambodia and are transshipped through Vietnam.

Circular #33/2014/TT-BNNPTNT, dated October 30, 2014 by the Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) regulates the procedures of plant quarantine upon import, export, and transit of articles subject to plant quarantine. In particular, Articles 11 and 12 of the Circular specify the dossier required for plant quarantine registration upon transit and procedures of plant quarantine registration, inspection, and issuance of plant quarantine certificates. Consequently, transshipments in Vietnam that fail to register for plant quarantine inspection in accordance with Circular 33 will be rejected. The Circular has been in effect since January 1, 2015. Additionally, MARD started enforcing plant quarantine requirements for U.S. grain products transshipped through Vietnam destined for Cambodia for feed manufacturing at the end of 2017. Similarly, Circular 33 was only recently applied to Cambodian rice cargoes transshipped through Vietnam for export to third countries. Post would like to remind shippers who deliver plant products to Cambodia that transit in Vietnam about this requirement.

Stakeholders can find the list of HS codes for articles subject to plant quarantine in Vietnam in Appendix 03 of Circular 24/2017/TT-BNNPTNT dated November 15, 2017, which can be found in the GAIN report [VM8038](#).

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