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Report Highlights:

This report provides an unofficial translation of Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) Circular 09/2022 dated August 19, 2022, to amend and supplement regulations on import quarantine of terrestrial animals and terrestrial animal products. This Circular will take effect on October 6, 2022.

Summary

On August 19, 2022, MARD issued Circular 09/2022 amending and supplementing regulations on import quarantine for terrestrial animals and terrestrial animal products. This Amendment was notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) on May 5, 2022, as G/SPS/N/VNM/139. Circular 09 will go into effect on October 6, 2022. Circular 09/2022 amends and adds articles and appendices to MARD's Circular 25/2016 dated June 30, 2016, and Circular 35/2018 dated December 25, 2018, on the quarantine of terrestrial animals and terrestrial animal products.

Acceptance of Electronic Quarantine Certificate

Article 1, item 3 of Circular 09, states that an electronic quarantine certificate for terrestrial animals and terrestrial animal products will be accepted once the Department of Animal Health (DAH) and the competent authority of an exporting country reach an agreement on the electronic certification.

List of Diseases Subject to Testing for Imported Animals

Article 2, item 3 of Circular 09 revises numbers 9, 14, 15 and adds number 21 to Table 1 of Appendix XII of MARD's Circular 25/2016, which lists which diseases different imported animals will be tested for.

Number	Name of Disease	Type of Animal	Purpose of Use
9	Small ruminant cholera	goat, sheep	Breeding, ornamental use, or slaughter
14	African Swine Fever (ASF)	pig	Breeding, ornamental use, or slaughter
15	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)	chicken, duck, geese, swan, bird	Breeding, ornamental use, or slaughter
21	Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)	buffaloes, cows	Breeding, ornamental use, or slaughter

Circular 09 also revises and supplements the Notes in item I of Appendix XII of MARD's Circular 25/2016. Vietnam no longer requires 100 percent of the cattle herd imported for breeding to be sampled. Instead, the number of samples required to be collected and tested is based on a five percent prevalence threshold in accordance with Table 2 of Appendix XII.

Changes to Testing Criteria

Vietnam will now test for dangerous pathogens rather than harmful micro-organisms. For animal products imported as food for human consumption, Article 2, item 4 of Circular 09, amends and supplements item II.1.c of Appendix XII of the Circular 25/2016 and Article 1, item 14 of Circular 35/2018, and lists the pathogens that will be tested.

Product Type		Pathogens Tested
I. High-risk category	1. Meat, offal, by-products and frozen/chilled/primary processed meat products of bovine cattle, goats, sheep.	Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), Brucellosis
	2. Meat, offal, by-products and frozen/chilled/primary processed meat products of pigs.	FMD, ASF
	3. Meat, offal, by-products and frozen/chilled/primary processed meat products of poultry and birds.	HPAI, Newcastle
	4. Meat, offal, by-products and frozen/chilled/primary processed meat products of other animals that are not specified at ordinal numbers of 1, 2, and 3 of the high-risk category.	Quarantine criteria according to the agreement between Vietnam and the exporting country
	5. Raw milk.	FMD, Brucellosis
	6. Fresh poultry eggs.	Salmonella spp.
	7. Unprocessed bird's nest.	HPAI
II. Low-risk category	1. Meat, offal, by-products and processed meat products of buffaloes, cows, goats, and sheep.	FMD
	2. Meat, offal, by-products, and processed meat products of pigs.	FMD, ASF
	3. Meat, offal, by-products and processed meat products of poultry and birds.	HPAI, Newcastle
	4. Meat, offal, by-products, and processed meat products of other animals that are not specified at ordinal numbers of 1, 2 and 3 of the low-risk category.	Quarantine criteria as per the agreement between Vietnam and the exporting country
	5. Processed milk and milk products.	Salmonella spp.
	6. Processed eggs and egg products.	Salmonella spp.

Article 2, item 5 of Circular 09 lists the pathogens that will be tested in imported animal products used as animal feed and aquafeed and the sampling frequency.

For terrestrial animal products used as animal feed and aquafeed:

Number	Product Type	Pathogens Tested
1	Products derived from ruminants	FMD
2	Products derived from pigs	FMD, ASF
3	Products derived from poultry	HPAI, Newcastle

For aquatic animals and aquatic animal products used as animal feed and aquafeed:

Number	Product Type	Pathogens Tested
1	Aquatic animals, aquatic animal products	Based on the epidemic situation of the exporting country, the Department of Animal Health shall provide guidance on the disease criteria for testing according to the provisions of Section A (aquatic animals), Section B (aquatic animal products) Appendix IV promulgated together with the Circular No. 26/2016/TT-BNNPTNT dated June 30, 2016, of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development providing for the quarantine of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products.

Article 2, item 6 of Circular 09, adds a new Section V to Appendix XII of both Circular 25/2016 and Circular 35/2018, which outlines the pooled sample testing for quarantine.

Should U.S. exporters have any questions or need clarification, please contact aghamoi@usda.gov

Attachments:

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