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**Report Highlights:**

Vietnam issued Circular 21/2019/TT-BNNPTNT Guiding a Number of Articles of the Animal Husbandry Law on Animal Feed, which will take effect on January 14, 2020. This Circular has been updated from previous versions and removes ractopamine, trenbolone acetate, and zeranol from the list of banned chemicals. Vietnam will maintain the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the use of these chemicals in meat and poultry in line with Codex standards.

## **Summary:**

On November 28, 2019, the Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued Circular 21/2019/TT-BNNPTNT Guiding a Number of Articles of the Animal Husbandry Law on Animal Feed. This Circular takes effect on January 14, 2020 and replaces MARD's previous Circulars regulating the chemicals prohibited from use in animal feed and the ingredients permitted for use in animal feed.

### **Chemicals Prohibited From Use in Animal Feed**

The Animal Husbandry Law, taking effect on January 1, 2020, bans the import of animal products using substances prohibited from domestic use ([GAIN report VM9004](#)). The List of Chemicals Prohibited From Use in Animal Feed is consolidated in Appendix V of the Circular. The list has been updated from previous drafts removing ractopamine, trenbolone, and zeranol from the banned list. Vietnam will maintain MRLs for ractopamine, trenbolone, and zeranol in line with Codex standards for imports of meat and poultry.

### **Ingredients Permitted for Use in Animal Feed**

Appendix VI of Circular 21/2019 specifies the list of ingredients permitted for use in animal feed. This includes feed ingredients, nutritional ingredients, preservatives, enzymes, microorganisms, emulsifiers, thickeners, anticaking agents, adhesives, stabilizers, acidity regulators, coloring and flavorings agents, etc.

### **Labeling of Animal Feed**

Appendix II of Circular 21/2019 lists the requirements for information to be included on animal feed labels. This includes, trade name, date of manufacture, expiry date, storage instructions, name and address of producers/importers, nutritional and/or quality specifications, and a number of applicable standards. Animal feed products containing antibiotics must include information on the name and content of the antibiotics, as well as instructions for use and the withdrawal period.

Circular 21/2019 is available at: <https://luatvietnam.vn/nong-nghiep/thong-tu-21-2019-tt-bnnptnt-huong-dan-luat-chan-nuoi-ve-thuc-an-chan-nuoi-178647-d1.html>

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## **Attachments:**

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