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Report Highlights:

Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued Circular 19/2022 on December 2, 2022, revising the List of Pesticides Approved for Use and the List of Pesticides Banned from Use in Vietnam. The lists are reviewed annually and regulates all pesticides, including active ingredients and commercial products, allowed for use or banned from use in Vietnam. The 2022 update made no changes to the list of banned pesticides. Circular 19/2022 will take effect on January 16, 2023.

Summary

On December 2, 2022, MARD issued Circular 19/2022 revising the List of Pesticides Approved for Use and the List of Pesticides Banned from Use in Vietnam. According to the Vietnam Law on Crop Protection, these lists must be reviewed annually by MARD.

Circular 19/2022, replacing MARD's Circular 19/2021, revises the list of pesticides allowed for use in Vietnam, including all active ingredients and commercial products. The banned list was unchanged. The draft Circular was notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) on September 15, 2022, as G/SPS/N/VNM/143. Circular 19/2022 will go into effect on January 16, 2023.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) Circular 50 issued in 2016 (GAIN Report [VM7026](#)) on maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pesticides remains in effect.

The List of Pesticides Approved for Use

The approved list, issued as Appendix I of Circular 19/2022, provides all active ingredients and commercial products including insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and other chemicals allowed for crop protection in Vietnam. According to MARD, there are 79 active ingredients and 303 commercial products added to the approved list in 2022, mainly insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides. Compared to the list issued in 2019, when MARD triggered its plan to reduce the use of pesticides, the number of active ingredients for insecticides has dropped from 850 to 689. The number of active ingredients for herbicides, since MARD announced the ban of glyphosate, has increased from 235 to 256.

The current approved list include:

- Insecticides: 689 active ingredients with 1670 trade names.
- Fungicides: 651 active ingredients with 1492 trade names.
- Herbicides: 256 active ingredients with 765 trade names.
- Rodenticides: 8 active ingredients with 37 trade names.
- Growth stimulators: 58 active ingredients with 172 trade names.
- Insect attractants: 8 active ingredients with 8 trade names.
- Snail pesticides: 31 active ingredients with 152 trade names.
- Adjuvants (spreaders): 5 active ingredients with 6 trade names.
- Termiticides: 14 active ingredients with 21 trade names.
- Preservatives for forest products: 7 active ingredients with 8 trade names.
- Warehouse disinfectants: 3 active ingredients with 9 trade names.
- Products used for golf courses:
 - Insecticides: 2 active ingredients with 2 trade names.
 - Herbicides: 1 active ingredient with 1 trade name.
 - Growth regulators: 1 active ingredient with 1 trade name.
- Products for seed treatment:

- Insecticides: 10 active ingredients with 16 trade names.
- Fungicides: 13 active ingredients with 13 trade names.
- Post-harvest preservatives for agricultural products: 1 active ingredient with 1 trade name.

The List of Pesticides Banned from Use

The banned list was issued as Appendix II of Circular 19/2022. The list remains unchanged since 2019, including:

- Insecticides and preservatives for forest products: 23 active ingredients.
- Fungicides: 6 active ingredients.
- Rodenticides: 1 active ingredient.
- Herbicides: 1 active ingredient.

Circular 19/2022 (in Vietnamese) can be accessed here: <https://vbpl.vn/TW/Pages/vbpq-toanvan.aspx?ItemID=157510&Keyword=>

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