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**Report Highlights:**

On February 2, 2024, Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued Circular 01/2024/TT-BNNPTNT, announcing the List of Harmonized System (HS) codes for Goods under MARD's state management and the List of Imported and Exported Goods subject to Specialized Inspections in the agricultural sector. This report provides an unofficial translation of Circular 01/2024, focusing on Section 1, 5, 9, and 14 of Appendix I, along with Section 5 of Appendix III. These sections detail the updated HS codes for animals, animal products, plants, and plant products subject to quarantine inspection, as well as HS codes for feed ingredients subject to quality examination. Notable amendments include MARD allowing post-clearance quality examination for feed ingredients, including grains, oil seeds, oil seed meals, DDGS, animal protein, and other feed ingredients, as well as completed feeds. Circular 01/2024 will be effective from March 20, 2024, replacing MARD's Circular 11/2021.

## Summary

On February 2, 2024, Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) released Circular 01/2024/TT-BNNPTNT. This circular announces the List of Harmonized System (HS) codes for Goods under MARD's state management and the List of Imported and Exported Goods subject to Specialized Inspections in the agricultural sector. Circular 01/2024/TT-BNNPTNT replaces Circular 11/2021 (GAIN Report VM2021-0104) and becomes effective from March 20, 2024.

Circular 01/2024 outlines three appendices detailing the Harmonized System (HS) codes for various imported goods under MARD's management and the corresponding specialized inspections. Here's what each appendix covers:

Appendix I: Lists all HS codes for Goods under MARD's state management.

Appendix II: Specifies HS codes for imported goods subject to specialized inspection before customs clearance.

Appendix III: Identifies HS codes for imported goods subject to specialized inspection after customs clearance.

Appendix I of Circular 01/2024 mostly retains the HS codes listed in Circular 11/2021 for animals, plants, feed ingredients, and other agricultural products. However, there are some minor changes. For instance, MARD removes certain HS codes from the list of items subject to plant quarantine, such as HS code 44.15 for wood boxes, pallets, and cases, and HS codes 20.01 to 20.04 for vegetables and edible plants preserved in vinegar. Additionally, Circular 01/2024 introduces new HS codes for goods imported to Vietnam between 2021 and 2023, primarily focusing on fish species and woods. All these HS codes, whether carried over from Circular 11/2021 or newly added, are now consolidated in Appendix I.

Appendix II and Appendix III specify the inspection requirements for imported goods. Quarantine inspections, carried out before customs clearance, remain mandatory for terrestrial and aquatic animals, plants, their products, and feeds of plant and animal origin. Food safety inspections are required before customs clearance for animal and plant products intended for human consumption.

However, in response to Vietnam's government's request for specialized inspection reform, MARD has changed the inspection scheme for feed ingredients. Instead of taking place before customs clearance, quality examinations for feed ingredients, including grains, oil seeds, oil seed meals, DDGS, meat and bone meal, and completed feeds, now take place after customs clearance. Consequently, these items undergo quality examinations by MARD's Department of Livestock Production, Department of Fishery, or provincial authorities at feed mills, warehouses, or farms. The HS codes for feeds and feed ingredients subject to post-clearance quality examination are specified in Section 5 of Appendix III of Circular 01/2024.

Circular 1/2024 also specifies the use of HS codes for imported and exported goods at Article 2:

- HS codes and description of goods specified in this Circular are the basis for Vietnamese importers to submit a Declaration to Vietnam customs when importing goods and products to Vietnam.
- When importing goods without HS codes stipulated in Circular 1/2024, importers must refer to the List of Vietnam Imports and Exports issued together with Circular 31/2022 of the Ministry of Finance and actual description of goods to submit a Declaration to Vietnam customs.

Below are unofficial translations provided with this report:

- Unofficial translation of Circular 1/2024.
- Section 1 of Appendix I: HS codes for terrestrial animals and products thereof subject to quarantine.
- Section 5 of Appendix I: HS codes for aquatic animals and products thereof subject to quarantine.
- Section 9 of Appendix I: HS codes for articles subject to plant quarantine in Vietnam.
- Section 14 of Appendix I: HS codes for commercial animal feeds published on MARD's web portal.
- Section 5 of Appendix III: HS codes for imported feeds and feed ingredients subject to post-customs clearance quality examination.

MARD's Circular 1/2024 (in Vietnamese) can be accessed here:

<https://chinhphu.vn/?pageid=27160&docid=209723>

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**Attachments:**

[Translated - Circular 012024 and Sections 1,5,9, and 14 of Appendix I.docx](#)

[Section V - Appendix III-List of HS codes for Post-Clearance Inspection.docx](#)