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Report Highlights:

Vietnam has notified a draft Circular to revise the List of Quarantine Pests to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as G/SPS/N/VNM/148 dated March 22, 2023. This report provides an unofficial translation of the draft Circular. The due date for comments is May 21, 2023.

Summary

On March 22, 2023, the Vietnam Plant Protection Department (PPD), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) notified a draft Circular Revising the List of Quarantine Pests to WTO as G/SPS/N/VNM/148. Accordingly, the draft Circular is scheduled for adoption in August and taking effect in October 2023. The due date for comments is May 21, 2023.

Vietnam currently manages the List of Quarantine Pests under MARD's Circular 35 issued on October 31, 2014 ([GAIN Report VM4067](#)). The current list includes 107 pests identified as posing the risk of causing serious damage to plants and which are not currently present in Vietnam (Group I); and 7 pests identified as posing the risk of causing serious damage to plants but which are narrowly distributed in the territory of Vietnam (Group II). Post notes that Vietnam issued the National Technical Regulations (NTR) 192, taking effect on June 25, 2021, which officially sets a zero tolerance on all quarantine pests regulated under Circular 35, including *Cirsium arvense* ([GAIN Report VM2020-0128](#)).

Below are some highlights of the draft Circular revising the List of Quarantine Pests.

Amendment to Group I – List of quarantine pests posing the risk of causing serious damage to plants, and which are not present in the territory of Vietnam.

Compared to the List issued under Circular 35/2014, there are seven new pests added to Group I:

- Caribbean fruit fly - *Anastrepha suspensa* (Loew)
- Glabrous cabinet beetle - *Trogoderma glabrum*
- Neck rot of onion - *Ciborinia allii* (Sawada) L.M. Kohn
- Root and stem rot of soybean - *Phytophthora sojae* Kaufmann et Gerdemann
- Chrysanthemum ray blight - *Stagonosporopsis chrysantheni*
- Tomato brown rugose fruit virus
- Lesion nematode - *Paratylenchus goodeyi* Sher & Allen

There are two pests removed from Group I:

- Karnal bunt of wheat - *Tilletia indica* Mitra
- Groundnut stripe disease - *Peanut stripe virus*

The draft Circular still maintains the weed *Cirsium arvense* (creeping thistle) in Group I.

Amendment to Group II - List of quarantine pests posing the risk of causing serious damage to plant resources, but which are narrowly distributed in the territory of Vietnam.

One pest is removed from Group II:

- Chinese dodder - *Cuscuta chinensis* Lam.

The draft Circular revising the List of Quarantine Pest (in Vietnamese) is currently notified at: <http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn/notice/detailvn.aspx?pageid=1&mid=399&item=7912>

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

Attachments:

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