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To: IPPC and its all members

To Whom It May Concern

Plant Protection Department (PPD), National Plant Protection Organization of Vietnam, recently has commenced full implementation of our regulations (Decision No.34 and Decision No. 48) which had been notified and published on the IPPC and SPS website since 2008, strictly following WTO procedures. In order to avoid trade disruption, PPD granted a 2-year transition period until late 2010, instead of/without an immediate enforcement.

It is informed that all commodities, defined by Decision No. 34, must provide information, as detailed in annex 2 of Decision No. 48, to be undergone PRA as current phytosanitary regulations before importation.

On the other hand, in case of a commodity which has been imported will not be stopped entrance, PPD would like to facilitate trade, but still requires an information package (as annex 2 of Decision No.48) for conducting PRA.

We also confirm that information to conduct PRA shall be formally provided by NPPOs of the exporting country. In other words, that information requested is not from any individual importers, but should be from NPPO or an authorized agency, accompanied with a formal request for technical market access submission.

All above-mentioned documents are available for download from the IPPC website at (www.ippc.int/index.php?id=npvoVNM). For any further discussion and request, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation



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