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DECISION

PROMULGATING ACTION PLAN FOR ASSURANCE OF FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY, INCREASED PROCESSING AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERY MARKETS IN 2024

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF VIETNAM

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 105/2022/ND-CP dated December 22, 2022 on functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

Pursuant to the Directive No. 17-CT/TW dated October 21, 2022 of Central Secretariat of the Communist Party of Vietnam on strengthening food security and safety in new circumstance;

Pursuant to the Decision No. 4509/QD-BNN-CCPT dated October 30, 2023 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on promulgation of Plan for implementation of Decision No. 426/QD- TTg dated April 21, 2023 of the Prime Minister on promulgation of Plan to implement Directive No. 17-CT/TW dated October 21, 2022 of Central Secretariat of the Communist Party of Vietnam on strengthening food security and safety in new circumstance.

At the request of the Director of Quality, Processing and Market Development Department.

HEREBY DECIDES:

Article 1. The “Action Plan for assurance of food quality and safety, increased processing and development of agriculture, forestry and fishery markets in 2024” is promulgated together with this Decision.

Article 2. This Decision comes into force from the date of signing.

Article 3. Heads of agencies and units affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Heads of Food Safety Management Boards, Directors of Food Safety Departments, Directors of Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development of provinces and central- affiliated cities, Heads of relevant agencies and units shall be responsible for implementation of this Decision./.

**PP. MINISTER
DEPUTY MINISTER**

Tran Thanh Nam

ACTION PLAN

ASSURANCE OF FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY, INCREASED PROCESSING AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERY MARKETS IN 2024
(Enclosed with Decision No. 613/QĐ-BNN-CCPT dated February 28, 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development)

I. PURPOSES AND REQUIREMENTS

- 1.** Fully, promptly and effectively perform tasks and solutions under the direction of the Central Committee of Communist Party, the Government, the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for assurance of food security and safety, and improvement in the competitiveness of Vietnam's agriculture, forestry and fishery products in domestic and international markets.
- 2.** Unify directions provided by central and local authorities, thereby ensuring close, effective and prompt cooperation among ministries, central and local authorities, relevant agencies and organizations in consultation, proposal and organization of performance of tasks and solutions set out in projects, programs and plans for food quality and safety, processing and development of markets.

II. RESULTS AND TARGETS TO BE ACHIEVED

1. Regarding improvement in regulatory institutions and increase in capacity

- 100% of legislative documents, standards and regulations will be completed according to the assigned plan;
- All local authorities will review and improve systems for managing quality and processing, and developing agriculture, forestry and fishery markets within their jurisdiction;
- Over 85% of officials in charge of management of food quality and safety, processing and development of agriculture, forestry and fishery markets at all levels will undergo professional training and refresher training on an annual basis.

2. Regarding food safety

- The percentage of establishments producing and trading agriculture, forestry, fishery products that meet food safety requirements will reach 99,1%;
- The percentage of small and separate establishments producing and trading agriculture, forestry, fishery products that sign commitments to comply with regulations on food safety will reach 93,0%;
- The percentage of agriculture, forestry and fishery food samples that fail to meet food safety standards will reduce by 10% (compared to that in 2023);
- The percentage of establishments pre-processing and processing agriculture, forestry, fishery products that achieve HACCP, ISO 2200 certification (or equivalent) will increase by 10% (compared to that in 2023);
- The percentage of livestock and poultry slaughtered in a concentrated and industrial manner will reach 20%;
- The farming area, the aquaculture area, the quantity of husbandry facilities granted GAP certificates (VietGAP, GAHP and equivalent) will increase by 10% (compared to those in 2023);
- The quantity of biopesticides registered for inclusion in the List of approved plant protection chemicals in Vietnam and the amount of biopesticides used will increase by 20% (compared to those in 2023)
- The quantity of safe agriculture-food supply chains will increase by 10% (compared to that in 2023).

3. Regarding quality, branding, geographical indications and organic agriculture

- The accumulative number of OCOP products given 3-star rank or higher in 2024 will be at least 11.500 products;
- The quantity of agriculture, forestry and fishery products ranked by the National Brand Program will increase by 10% (compared to that in 2023).
- The agricultural land area for organic production will reach 1,0% of the total area of agricultural land; the organic arable land area will reach 1.0% of the total area of arable land; the percentage of organic livestock products will reach 1.0% of the total of organic livestock products produced in Vietnam; the area of organic aquaculture will reach 0.5% of the total area of aquaculture; the production area of organic nutritional salts will reach 1.0% of the total production area of nutritional salts;

- The quantity of aquaculture, forestry and fishery products with protected geographical indications, main aquaculture, forestry and fishery products and products whose geographical indications are protected in foreign countries will increase by 10% (compared to that in 2023).

4. Regarding processing and development of markets

- The growth rate of added value in the aquaculture product processing industry will be 7,5%; the growth rate of added value of processed livestock products will be 3,5%;

- The post-harvest loss rate of main agriculture products will decrease by 1,0%/year;

- The quantity of products and enterprises allowed to export aquaculture, forestry and fishery products to markets where licenses are required will increase by 10% (compared to that in 2023).

- The total export turnover of aquaculture, forestry and fishery products will reach 54,0 billion USD;

III. KEY TASKS IN 2024

1. Complete legal policies, standards, technical regulations in order to ensure food quality and safety and promote processing and development of markets.

2. Consolidate organizational apparatus; arrange and improve the quality of human resources and enhance technical infrastructure so as to ensure food quality and safety, increased processing and development of markets.

3. Promote the application of information technology and digital transformation to assurance of food quality and safety, increased processing and development of markets.

4. Disseminate legal policies, information and communication on quality and safety of agriculture, forestry and fishery products, increased processing and development of markets.

5. Ensure food quality and safety, increased processing and development of markets, thereby meeting demands for domestic consumption and export.

6. Proactively inspect, check, supervise, promptly detect, and strictly handle establishments and products that fail to comply with regulations on food quality and safety.

IV. FUNDING SOURCES

1. State budget provided for food safety, trade promotion and market development.

2. State budget allocated for Programs, Plans and Projects which serve the development of the Industry, and projects on establishment of standards and regulations.

3. Support funding from international organizations and projects.

4. Private capital from legal sources.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Responsibilities of authorities

a) Authorities affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development:

- Authorities are assigned to preside over and assume responsibilities for development of plans to perform each specific task in an effective and punctual manner.

- Authorities are assigned to preside over submission of monthly reports (before 22nd of each month), 6-month reports (before June 15th) and annual reports (before December 15th) on implementation results to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (through Quality, Processing and Market Development Department). Completed tasks, tasks which have not yet been completed, reasons and proposed solutions for further performance shall be specified in these reports;

- The Quality, Processing and Market Development Department shall preside over monitoring and urging implementation of monthly, 6-month and annual plans and sending reports to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

b) Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and central- affiliated cities:

- Develop plans for assurance of food quality and safety, increased processing and development of agriculture, forestry and fishery markets in 2024 in their provinces and cities and submit them to competent authorities for approval; organize implementation of these plans in an effective and punctual manner;

- Direct affiliates to strictly implement these plans in provinces and cities under their management;

- Send monthly reports (before 22nd of each month), 6-month reports (before June 15th) and annual reports (before December 15th) on implementation results to People's Committees of provinces and cities and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (through Quality, Processing and Market Development Department). Completed tasks, tasks which have not yet been completed, reasons and proposed solutions for further performance shall be specified in these reports;

2. Preliminary and final reviews

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development presides over organizing preliminary and final reviews to assess results of the implementation of the plan; unifying solutions and measures to overcome difficulties in and obstacles to the implementation, thereby serving as the basis for implementation of the plan in the next phase.

During implementation of the plan, any adjustment and amendment should be reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (through Quality, Processing and Market Development Department) for consideration and decision./.

APPENDIX

ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLAN FOR ASSURANCE OF FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY, INCREASED PROCESSING AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERY MARKETS IN 2024

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NO.	TASKS	Presiding agencies	Cooperating agencies	Implementation duration
1	Complete legal policies, standards, and technical regulations in order to ensure food quality and safety, increased processing and development of markets.			
1.1	Continue to review and amend legal policies and documents on the quality of agriculture materials and agriculture, forestry and fishery materials, food safety, processing, and development of agriculture, forestry and fishery markets, thereby meeting requirements for state management and international integration.	- Legislation Department; - Specialized Departments	- Relevant agencies and units	Under the plan
1.2	Complete the system of standards and technical regulations applicable to agriculture, forestry and fishery products.			Under the plan
	- Complete the system of national standards and technical regulations	- Specialized Departments	- Science, Technology and Environment Department	
	- Complete the system of local standards	- Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development,	- Relevant agencies and units	

		Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities		
2	Consolidate organizational apparatus, arrange and improve the quality of human resources and enhance technical infrastructure so as to ensure food quality and safety, increased processing and development of markets.			
2.1	Consolidate organizational apparatus; allocate human resources for assurance of food quality and safety, processing and development of markets at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization and Personnel Department; - Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities 	- Relevant agencies and units	2024
2.2	Organize training and refresher training in order to increase the capacity of managers at all levels; establishments producing and trading agriculture, forestry, and fishery products for ensuring food quality and safety, increased processing, and development of markets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Specialized Departments; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and 	- Relevant agencies and units	2024

		Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities		
2.3	Renovate and upgrade technical infrastructure so as to meet requirements for testing, experimentation, inspection, appraisal, assessment, supervision and certification, thereby serving state management as prescribed by law.	- Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Specialized Departments;	- Relevant agencies and units	2024
3	Promote the application of information technology and digital transformation to assurance of food quality and safety, processing and development of markets.			
3.1	Establish technical infrastructure of database in the fields of food quality and safety, processing, and development of markets from central to local levels.	- Specialized Departments; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities	- Center for Digital Transformation and Agricultural Statistics; - Relevant agencies and units under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; - Relevant agencies and units	Under the plan
3.2	Update information and data, and access and manage the database system of the food sector and the national database system on food quality and safety, processing, and agriculture, forestry and fishery markets.	- Specialized Departments; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and	- Center for Digital Transformation and Agricultural Statistics; - Relevant agencies and	Under the plan

		Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities	units under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; - Relevant agencies and units	
3.3	Establish and develop services providing and connecting information on food quality and safety, processing, and domestic and international agriculture, forestry and fishery markets.	- Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities	- Center for Digital Transformation and Agricultural Statistics; - Relevant agencies and units under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; - Relevant agencies and units	Regularly
3.4	Establish and operate websites related to quality, processing, and development of markets, thereby serving management, citizens and enterprises.	- Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities	- Center for Digital Transformation and Agricultural Statistics; - Relevant agencies and units	2024
4	Disseminate legal policies, information and communication on quality and			

	safety of agriculture, forestry and fishery products, increased processing and development of markets.			
4.1	Disseminate laws and regulations of Vietnam and import markets on food quality and safety in the agriculture sector to organizations, citizens and enterprises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Ministry Administrative Office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Departments under the Ministry; National Center for Agricultural Extension; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities; - Mass media agencies. 	2024
4.2	Give guidelines and support to people and enterprises for transfer of science and technology applicable to production and trade, strong shift to deep processing and fine processing and connection in product sale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Center for Agricultural Extension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities 	2024
4.3	Efficiently carry out programs in connection with the Vietnam Women's Union and the Farmers' Union.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialized Departments; - Central Office for Coordination in Development of New Rural Areas; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant agencies and units 	2024

		- Vietnam Women's Union and Farmers' Union		
5	Ensure food quality and safety, increased processing and development of markets, thereby meeting demands for domestic consumption and export.			
5.1	Effectively perform tasks in assurance of food quality and safety, increased processing and development of markets included in strategies, programs, projects and plans issued.	- Relevant agencies and units under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities	- Relevant agencies and units	2024
5.2	Build models: (i) Model of Supervisory Board/Team for Food Safety at the commune level with the participation of representatives from the New Rural Management Board, Farmers' Union, Women's Union, and community agricultural extension workers; (ii) Model of category value chain associating raw material areas and cooperatives with logistics systems for domestic consumption and export.	- Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities; - Quality, Processing and Market Development Department;	- Specialized Departments; - Central Office for Coordination in Development of New Rural Areas; National Center for Agricultural Extension. - Vietnam Women's Union and Farmers' Union	2024

5.3	Effectively detect, disseminate and expand agricultural and rural development models in association with assurance of the food quality and safety; commend advanced and exemplary establishments producing and trading agriculture, forestry and fishery products that meet food quality and safety requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; National Center for Agricultural Extension; - Vietnam Women's Union and Farmers' Union; - Mass media agencies. 	2024
5.4	Implement the plan to develop markets and promote trade in 2024; conduct negotiation to remove technical barriers to trade, thereby promoting the market opening; develop and support improvement in post-harvest preservation and processing, stabilize quality, diversify products, and expand domestic and export markets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Cooperation Department; - Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Specialized Departments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development of provinces and cities; - Relevant agencies and units 	2024
5.5	Efficiently carry out cooperation programs between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and local authorities in 03 cities (Hanoi, Can Tho and Ho Chi Minh City) for assurance of food safety and enhancement of the quality of agriculture, forestry and fishery products under trade connection among provinces and cities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development of 03 cities (Hanoi, Can Tho and Ho Chi Minh City) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development of provinces and cities; - Relevant agencies and units 	2024
6	Proactively inspect, check, supervise, promptly detect, and strictly handle			

	establishments and products that fail to comply with regulations on food quality and safety			
6.1	Synchronously and fully implement all Programs and Plans of the Central Interdisciplinary Steering Committee for Food Safety; food safety monitoring program for agriculture and fishery products.	- Quality, Processing and Market Development Department; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities	- Relevant agencies and units	Under the plan
6.2	Fully make assessment and certification of compliance with food safety requirements by establishments producing and trading agriculture, forestry and fishery food in accordance with regulations; proactively and closely monitor and post-control establishments meeting food safety requirements.	- Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities	- Specialized Departments	2024
6.3	Encourage establishments producing and trading agriculture, forestry and fishery products which are not required to obtain Certificates of eligibility for food safety to sign commitments to ensure food safety.	- Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities	- Specialized Departments	2024
6.4	Conduct inspection and post-control so as to detect and take actions against trade,	- Specialized	- Relevant agencies and	2024

	<p>use and abuse of agricultural materials and products that fail to meet food safety requirements, and quality and origin fraud.</p>	<p>Departments; - Food Safety Management Boards, Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety Departments of provinces and cities.</p>	<p>units</p>	
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