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Notice to All Exporters of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables to Vietnam

**Re: Exporting Goods of Plant Origin to Vietnam
as per the Circular No. 13/2011/TT-BNNPTNT**

This is to inform you that, effective August 1st, 2011, all shipments of fresh fruit and vegetables grown and packed for the purpose of export to Vietnam must comply with the regulatory requirements stipulated in the attached Circular No. 13/2011/TT-BNNPTNT.

As per this regulation, there are 29 active chemical substances prohibited from use in agricultural products intended for the Vietnamese market. Please note that three of these chemicals; endosulfan, methamidophos and captan, are currently registered for use in Canada. It is the responsibility of industry to ensure that there are no residues of these chemicals on any fresh fruit and vegetables destined for Vietnam. For further information, please see the document "The List of Pesticides Prohibited from Use in Agriculture in Vietnam."

In order to maintain access to the Vietnamese market for Canadian fresh fruit and vegetables, it is an industry responsibility to be aware of and compliant with the requirements of countries importing Canadian products. Failure to comply with the above-mentioned requirements will result in disruption of trade and potential loss of the Vietnamese market for Canadian fresh fruit and vegetables.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Irina Frenkel, Chief, Fresh Produce Safety, at irina.frenkel@inspection.gc.ca or Christina Hilliard, Area Program Specialist, at christina.hilliard@inspection.gc.ca.

Thank you in advance for your compliance with this Vietnamese requirement.

Yours truly,

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