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Second 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 an additional notification that 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 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.

In addition to the above requirements, residues of all other chemicals must comply with Codex Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for export to Vietnam. In the instances where Canadian MRLs are higher than those established by Codex, the industry must comply with the MRLs established by Codex.

Searches of Codex and Canadian MRLs can be conducted by using the following websites:
http://www.codexalimentarius.net/mrls/pestdes/jsp/pest_q-e.jsp
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/protect-proteger/food-nourriture/mrl-lmr-eng.php>

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. Any food of plant origin (fresh produce) which is shipped after August 31, 2011 is at risk of being rejected if found to be in violation of the Vietnam requirements.

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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