

MANAGEMENT IMPORTED FOOD IN BORDER OF VIETNAM

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▶▶▶ GENERAL INFORMATION

- Vietnam: 63 provinces/cities of which: 35 provinces/cities with 58 border gates (include: land border, seaports, river ports).
- Length of land border: 4,610 km;
- Length of coastline: 3,260 km
- Imported Food:
 - Official imports (through state examination);
 - Over-quota imports (through the border gate, border trade fair for citizens in border areas);
 - Imported through smuggling across borders (Illegal).

GENERAL INFORMATION

**Legal documents
related to
imported food**

- (1) Food Safety Law and
Subsidiary Documents**
- (2) Law on Quality of
Good**
- (3) Law on Standards and
National technical
Regulations**
- (4) Circulars stipulating
the implementation of
state examination on
imported food of
Ministries**

**The trade
agreements
between Vietnam
and bordering
countries**

▶▶▶ EXAMINATION ON FOOD SAFETY FOR IMPORTED FOOD

Imports of all kinds of food, food ingredient, food additives, processing aids, packaging materials and food containers, into Vietnam are subjects to examine from the competent state agencies indicated by line-ministries, except some import cases:

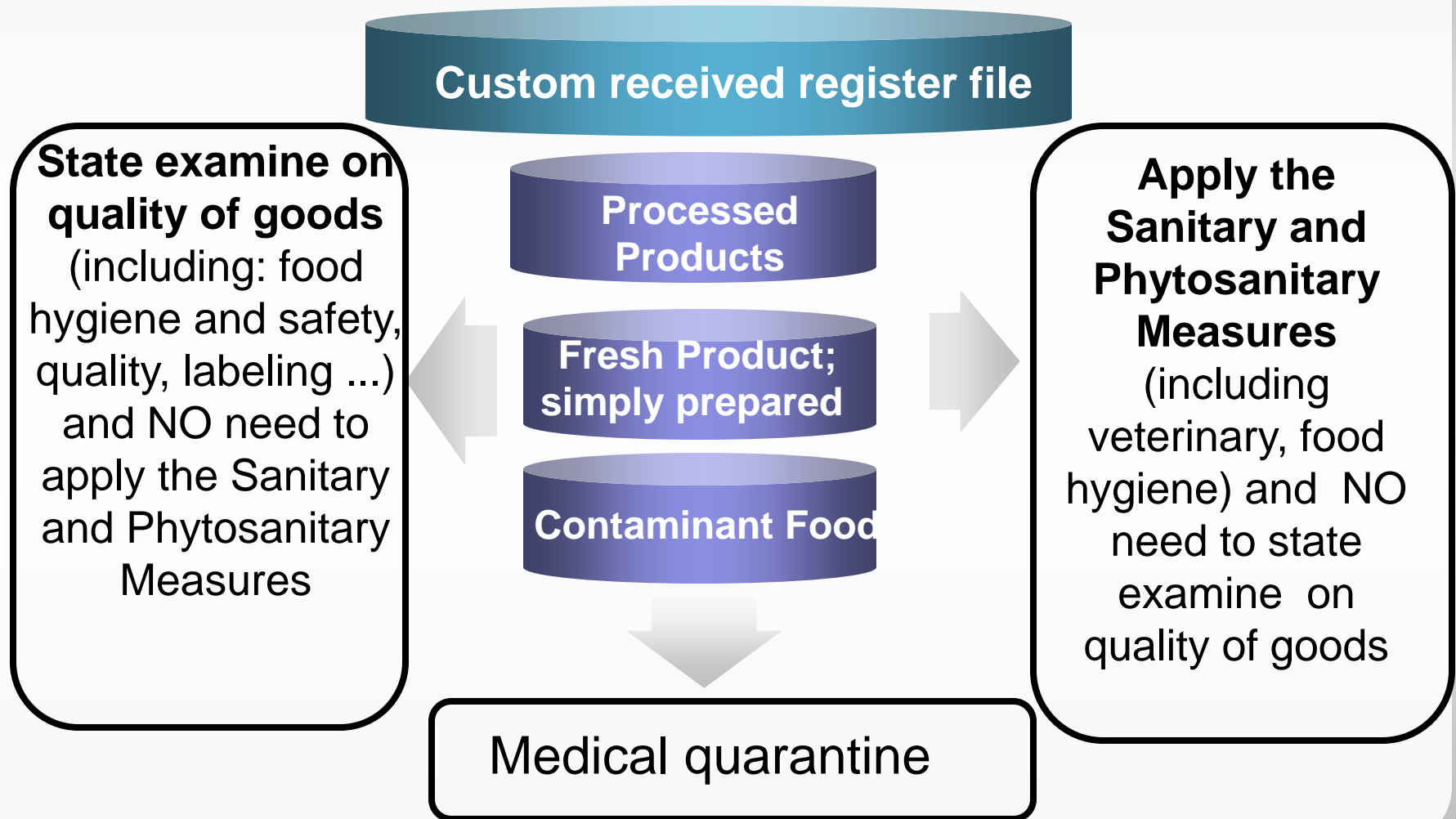
- Food in certain quantity pass thought immigration for personal consumption within the limited of duty free paid;
- Food in diplomatic bags, consular bags;
- Transited food and re-exported foods;
- Food keep in bonded warehouses;
- Food severed as sample or for research purpose;
- Food severed as sample for displaying at fair and exhibition.

▶▶▶ EXAMINATION ON FOOD SAFETY FOR IMPORTED FOOD

- ❖ Ministry of Health is responsible for examining and informing the results for the lot of imported foods containing many kinds of foods within the management of more than 2 ministries.
- ❖ Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is responsible for examining and informing the results for the lot of imported foods containing many kinds of foods, including raw and fresh foods or genetically modified foods, within the management of more than 2 ministries.

IMPORTED FOOD CONTROL SYSTEM IN VIETNAM

OFFICIAL IMPORT



MONITORING FOOD SAFETY AND HYGIENE OF IMPORTED FOOD

In case of received food from the country where having food-borne disease(Until this country declare safety situation)

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- + Sealing lot of good, check pathogens and apply medical treatment if detected
- + Seizure and medical treatment of all fresh food, simply prepared, unprocessed in high temperature sterilization
- + No implement these measures for goods which has been applied quarantine and veterinary hygiene treatment.

In case of receiving the warning on food which have toxic expose risk, although not yet caused disease but might be serious effect to the health of consumer

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- + Sealing lot of good, quick test if possible.
- + State examination on good quality, immediately inform to authouzied inspection agency

▶▶▶ RECALL AND DISPOSAL UNSAFE FOOD

- Imported food shall have to be recalled if the competent body of exporting country, or other countries or international organization inform that such food contains pollutant agents which affect people health and lives
- In case of where food threats to cause adverser impact on the community's health and in other urgent cases, the competent State body shall directly organize the recalling, recovering and settlement of the food and shall request organization and individuals producing and trading unsafe food to pay expenses on such recalling, recovering and settlement of food.

VIOLATIONS OF REGULATIONS ON FOODS SAFETY CONDITIONS OF IMPORTED FOOD

❖ Imposing a fine of 10.000.000 vnd to 15.000.000 vnd (~500-750 USD) for the circular of food, food additives, food processing aids, utensils, packages, food containers imported which are subject to the state examination of food safety but there is no notification of examination satisfied results.




Consequence remedies: Forcing to stop circulating and recall

VIOLATIONS OF REGULATIONS ON FOODS SAFETY CONDITIONS OF IMPORTED FOOD

- ❖ Imposing a fine of 15.000.000 vnd to 25.000.000 vnd (~750 - 1250 USD) for:
- Not having imported , food additives, food processing aids, and imported food packaging/containing materias and tools, which are subject to the state examination of food safety, taken any state examination of food safety.

 Consequence remedies: Forcing to have state examination

- Importing functional food, micronutrients-fortified food, genetically modified food or irradiated food without the required food safety certificates.

 Consequence remedies: Forcing to reexport or destroy or change the using purpouse.

MONITORING FOOD SAFETY AND HYGIENE OF IMPORTED FOOD

**Examination
available when
the goods are
storage
in/near the
central of city/
province**

**13 State
inspection
agencies
(indicated by
MOH)**

**Testing
capacities**

- (1). In some case, the procedures examine at the border gate between agencies still not unify**
- (2) Examining criteria on food safety and hygiene still overlap**

MONITORING OF FOOD CONTAMINATION RISKS AT THE BORDER

❖ **2010:** Implemented at 03 provinces (Lao Cai, Lạng Son, Quaang Ninh)

❖ **2011:** Implemented at 04 provinces (Lao Cai, Lạng Son, Quang Ninh, Ha Giang)

Province	Lang Son	Lao Cai	Quang Ninh	Ha Giang	Total
2010					
Inported Food Quantity/week	30.000 tons/week	4.000 tons/week	65 tons/week	NO Monitoring	34.065 tons/week
2011					
Inported Food Quantity/week	>30.000 tons/week	7.000 tons/week	~ 100 tons/week	150 tons/week	>37.250 tons/week

2014: Implemented at 05 provinces (Lao Cai, Lạng Son, Quang Ninh, Lao Bao, Ha Giang. Total 60.000 toms/week.

MONITORING OF FOOD CONTAMINATION RISKS AT THE BORDER

- ❖ Monitoring food contamination risk of imported food through official import was implemented actively and in many measures during past time.
- ❖ Monitoring food contamination risks of imported fresh food not so effective.

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