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CIRCULAR

ON LISTS OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

Pursuant to the Law on Biodiversity No. 20/2008/QH12;

Pursuant to Decree No. 35/2025/ND-CP dated February 25, 2025 defining the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of Vietnam;

At the request of the Director of the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency;

The Minister of Agriculture and Environment hereby promulgates a Circular on lists of invasive alien species.

Article 1. Scope

This Circular provides for the investigation, identification, assessment, and issuance of the List of invasive alien species.

Article 2. Regulated entities

This Circular applies to regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals engaged in the investigation, identification, assessment, and issuance of the list of invasive alien species.

Article 3. Investigation of invasive alien species

1. Investigation content:

- a) Name, biological characteristics of the species;
- b) Distribution range, habitat, invasion pathways, establishment of populations, and spread in natural conditions;
- c) Impact on biodiversity (native species and ecosystems) and socio-economic aspects;
- d) Measures for prevention, control, and eradication of invasive alien species.

2. Methods of investigating invasive alien species: Based on the target of investigation and the actual conditions of the surveyed area, the agency/ organization shall decide on the appropriate investigation method to collect primary and secondary data on invasive alien species.

a) Method of collecting primary data: Observe, record species along sample transects, points, or plots; use recording devices, sound recording, camera traps, light traps, pitfall traps, automatic monitoring devices; apply remote sensing technology, satellite imagery, drones, and positioning devices to determine the habitat and distribution of species;

b) Method of collecting secondary data: consolidate from scientific reports, domestic and international databases on invasive alien species.

3. Every 3 years or when necessary, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Provincial-level People's Committees shall conduct investigations of invasive alien species.

Article 4. Criteria for determination of invasive alien species

1. The capability of invasive alien species to enter Vietnam:

a) Natural entry capability: through wind, water, animals;

b) Human-mediated entry capability: intentional and unintentional.

2. The capability of invasive alien species to spread in various ecological regions:

a) Reproduction and establishment capability of invasive alien species;

b) Dispersal capability of invasive alien species.

3. The harmful potential of invasive alien species:

a) Potential harm to native species and ecosystems;

b) Potential harm to socio-economic aspects

4. The risk assessment of invasive alien species shall be made using Form No. 01 in Appendix I attached hereto.

Article 5. List of invasive alien species

1. Procedures for issuing the list of invasive alien species:

a) Based on the investigation report results of the Department of Agriculture and Environment and specialized authorities affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture and

Environment, the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency shall prepare a report identifying the risk of invasion of invasive alien species enclosed with the list of invasive alien species;

b) Within 05 days from the completion of the risk assessment report for each species, the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency shall establish a Council to assess the list of invasive alien species (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”). The Council consists of: the Director of the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency (head of the Council), representatives of specialized authorities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, and experts;

c) Within 05 days from the establishment, the Council shall assess materials and prepare a meeting minute using Form No. 02 in Appendix I attached hereto.

d) Within 03 days from the date of issuing assessment report, the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency shall solicit opinions from the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment using Form No. 03 in Appendix I attached hereto;

dd) Within 05 days from receiving the requests for opinions from the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency, the specialized authorities shall provide written responses;

e) Within 05 days from receiving the opinions of the specialized authorities, the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency shall forward them to the Minister of Agriculture and Environment, including: reception report, explanations of the opinions of relevant parties; feedback from specialized authorities on the proposed amendments to the list of invasive alien species; meeting minutes of the Council as specified in point c of this Clause; evaluation sheets of members of the Council according to Form No. 04 in Appendix I attached hereto; consolidated amendments to the list of invasive alien species enclosed with Report identifying the risk of invasion of invasive alien species specified in Clause 4 Article 4 of this Circular; other relevant documents.

g) The Minister of Agriculture and Environment shall review and decide issuing the List or amending and supplementing the List of invasive alien species.

2. The list of invasive alien species is specified in Appendix II attached hereto.

3. Every 3 years or when necessary, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment shall amend and supplement the list of invasive alien species.

Article 6. Responsibility for implementation

1. Entities affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment

a) Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency shall: Take charge in implementing the provisions of this Circular; propose the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment to

consider conducting additional investigations of invasive alien species nationwide for cases where invasive alien species appear in at least 2 provinces or pose a high risk of harm, and prepare the report on the results of the investigation of invasive alien species using Form No. 05 in Appendix I attached hereto; lead and cooperate with specialized authorities to advise the Minister of Agriculture and Environment on amending and supplementing the list of invasive alien species; publish the list of invasive alien species on its website and the website of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment;

b) Specialized Departments: according to their assigned functions and tasks, they shall cooperate with the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency in implementing the provisions of this Circular; propose investigations and assessments of invasive alien species in their respective fields of expertise as per their assigned functions and tasks;

c) Planning and Finance Department shall ensure annual funding for entities affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment to implement this Circular as per laws.

2. Provincial-level People's Committees:

a) Organize the implementation of this Circular in the province;

b) Direct specialized authorities to investigate, identify, and prepare the list of invasive alien species in the province based on the list of invasive alien species specified in Appendix II attached hereto;

c) Prepare an annual report on the results of the investigation of invasive alien species in the province according to Form No. 05 in Appendix I attached hereto and submit it to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment before December 31 or when invasive alien species significantly impact the local economy and society;

d) Allocate funds to carry out investigations, assessments, and the preparation of the list of invasive alien species within the province.

Article 7. Effect

1. This Circular shall come into force from January 15, 2026.

2. Circular No. 35/2018/TT-BTNMT dated December 28, 2018 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment shall cease to have effect from the effective date of this Circular.

3. Ministries, ministerial-level authorities, provincial-level People's Committees, and relevant organizations and individuals shall implement this Circular./.

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