2018 Review: FOOD SAFETY REGULATORY ADVOCACY

1. Decree 15: New Food Safety Regulations



Feb 2nd 2018: New Decree 15 (ND15) was signed by PM and took Immediate Effect

March 2018: 02 workshops to *Guidance on the Implementation* in HCM & HN





Hanoi HCM

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Some facts of Decree 15



Lifted 98% of inspection for imported products

Almost F&B
Products can have
automatic licenses
by online
self-declaration

Save 8.5 million working days for corporates

Save
3.332,5 VND Billion/
year

Decree 15 was of 9 outstanding achievements of MOH in 2018

Source: MOH

2. Circular on management of food additives





Following up unofficial versions
Letter from FBSC 21May'18

Seminar 10Apr'18

1st draft published on website Q4'17



- 5 out of 9 recommendations were adopted
- The list of food additives suggested by enterprises are at risk of removal

3. Circular 25/2016 and Circular 24/2017 of MARD



Brief some key points of circular? Trang pls help

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- ❖ Conflict with International practice which don't require veterinary inspection for heat-treated milk products.
- Delay clearance products at ports for 2 weeks, which cost millions of working day and wasted hundred billion VND
- Overlap with MOH's Food safety inspection

4. Micronutrient Fortification Regulation Advocacy Journey



Jan 2016

Regulation Issued (Decree 09)

Govt Actions

- Mandatory fortification
 - Salt (lodine)
 - Wheat Flour (iron, zinc)
 - Vegetable oil (Vit. A)
- Covers processed foods excluding imports

Mar 2017

Regulation Open for comments

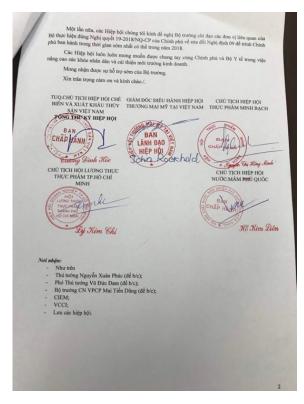
Govt Actions

 VN authorities open for public comment for any scientific evidence to prove the negative impact of this fortification decree on processed foods *Mar 2018*

Resolution Open for comments

Govt Actions

VN authorities sought the next round of public comments



Joined task force by 5 associations

5. Veterinary Inspection of heat-treated milk products in Circular 25 of MARD



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6. Circular 12/2017/TT-BKHCN and Decree 115/2018/ND-CP



Brief key points > Phuong SPVB

- 26/09/2017 MOST has signed the Circular 12/2017/TT-BKHCN takes effect from 01/01/2018, to revise Circular 26/2012/TT-BKHCN.
- The most important point is the removing of point d, item 2 article 9 of Circular 26/2012/TT-BKHCN, to give the seller the right to retest to compare with the testing result of the inspector.
- On 08 Nov. 2018, Amcharm and 6 more associations in VietNam have meeting with MOST to send the petition about the insufficient and the impact to business in VN.
- With the effective of Decree 115/2018/ND-CP, the impact of TT 12 would be stronger.