

Proposed Plan of Action re US Wheat, Corn and DDG to Vietnam

APHIS is awaiting PPD (Vietnam's Plant Protection Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) review of bulk grain infestation record before further action on wheat and corn, but is proposing action on DDG to Vietnam as per the below timeline. The four major steps to be proposed will be:

1. APHIS provides to Vietnam an action timeline
2. A modified phosphine treatment will be piloted for all shipments beginning Dec 17, 2016
3. APHIS and Vietnam will have reviewed arrival results and agree on final import requirements May 1, 2017. PPD to provide formal 2 month notice of new requirements.
4. Implementation of new import requirements July 1, 2017.

October 25- send proposed timeline to Vietnam requesting extension of DDG suspension deadline to July 1, 2017, with all DDGs moving under pilot modified treatment measures by December 17th. Also request immediate feedback on bulk grain insect reports and implications. Request an additional written notice of changes to show the use of Bill of Lading to witness the implementation dates of December 1st and December 17th.

November 1-15 –APHIS field team to Illinois DDG operations

November 18 –APHIS presents proposed requirements to US industry

November 21-APHIS presents proposed action timeline to Vietnam, including update by USGC of development of best practices for DDG handling, storage, export

December 17- First certification of DDG under modified phosphine treatment measures. PECIT updated to show modified phosphine treatment measures.

January 1- First bulk cargo arrivals

February 1 – First container arrivals

April 1- Preliminary evaluation by PPD of effectiveness of modified measures shared with APHIS. APHIS to share with US industry

May 1 – Finalization of import requirements between APHIS and PPD and 2 month formal notice of import requirements by PPD.

July 1 – Formal Implementation of import requirements based on BOL date

Draft Proposed Action:

Extend minimum exposure times by 24 hours (ex. 24hr to 48 for Eco2Fume; 48hr to 72hr for pellets; 72hr to 96hr for tablets)

Ensure (empty) container stowage inspections conducted

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Safeguard containers under fumigation and during aeration until sealed for export. Explore use of tape or pesticide/fungicide on container door seals and container vents or drains, or other pest exclusion measures for safeguarding product in transit to Vietnam

Development of best practices by USGC for DDG post-production through sealing of export conveyance.