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1. POLICY DEVELOPMENT/REVIEW



Approval of Livestock Development Strategy

Hanoi, Jan 2008: on 16th January 2008 the Prime Minister issued Decision 10/2008/QD-TTg approving the Livestock Development Strategy until 2020. According to this document, livestock raising units, especially the farm-size and industrialized production units and slaughtering and processing units, are obliged to have waste treatment systems to protect and reduce pollution to the environment.

Slaughtering and processing units must be constructed with proper scale and modern technology, and linked with the commercial livestock raising zones. They must diversify their processed products to satisfy consumers' needs. Smaller scale processed units must apply sanitary procedures and equipment and produce quality products.

Livestock raising planning must match the characteristics and strengths of the local ecology to optimise the potentials of the livestock in order to target the sustainable development, bio-security and environmental protection.

The document can be downloaded at:
http://www.cucchannuoi.gov.vn/ccn_cms/vanban/200812375640.doc

Source: Livestock Department

Master plan on biotechnology development and application approved

Hanoi: on 22/01/2008, the Prime Minister has approved a master plan on biotechnology development and application in Viet Nam till 2020 in Decision 14/2008/QD-TTg.

The master plan mainly targets the fields of agro-forestry-fisheries, food processing and safety, medical-pharmaceutical production and health care and environmental protection. It will also encourage the establishment and development of enterprises involving in production and services relating to biotechnology.

The decision specifies tasks regarding biotechnology application, legal documents and policies to encourage biotechnology development, and international cooperation in the field.

Source: Vietnam law web and VNA

2. INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Legal development in MARD

Hanoi, in January 08: MARD submitted to the Government for issuance of Decree 191/2001/ND-CP amending and supplementing some articles of Decree 113/2003/ND-CP on management of fertilizer production and trading; issued 10 Decisions and 1 Circular; finalized the dossier to submit to the Government Office for the Prime



Minister's signing of the draft Decree on Forest Protection and Development Fund; prepared the draft inter-ministerial Circular providing guidelines for Decree 48/2007/ND-CP on principles and methodology for forest classification; studied, synthesized and explained the ideas proposed by the relevant agencies; and worked with Ba Vi National Park on preparation for forest valuation.

MARD also prepared the draft, and consulted the relevant agencies; organized a consultation workshop with those who were directly related to the policy on the forest environment service fee.

In fisheries sector, MARD finalized the draft Circular that would amend and supplement Circular 02/2005/TT-BTS providing guidelines for Decree 59/2005/ND-CP on conditions on production and trading of some fisheries-related industries.

Source: MARD Office

Implementation of one-stop policy in MARD

Hanoi, Jan 2008: NAFIQUAVED implemented one-door mechanism in its office after deriving lessons from the application by the Regional Centre 1, 4 and 6. It assigned Regional Centre 2 to conduct a pilot system of on-line registration, quality control and certification, and production condition control.

From the experiences of Regional Centre 2, the Department is cooperating with STOFA to develop software for the Department itself and later for the whole system, expected to use from the second quarter of the year.

To date, 12 professional departments of MARD have implemented one-door mechanism for 28 fields, 80 categories of administrative procedures. Particularly, one of them has applied on-line licensing and three of them are under pilot process.

Source: MARD

3. BILATERAL COOPERATION



The agricultural development cooperation program signed between Vietnam and Iran

Hanoi, 1st Feb 08: Minister Cao Duc Phat and Mr. Mohammad Reza Eskandari, the Iranian Minister of Agriculture, signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the agricultural development cooperation program between Vietnam and Iran.

According to the MOU, the two parties will promote the commercial relations related to agro-products; share the experiences on water resource utilization, especially irrigation for agro-production; strengthen science research in agro-production particularly for tea and rice production; and establish training exchange channels...

Earlier, on 31st January, the mission led by the Iranian Minister of Agriculture and the mission led by the Vietnamese Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development had a meeting in which the two Ministers admitted that each party had its own strengths in agriculture sector but their trading remained modest.

The two Ministers also recommended that a workforce group should be established for each cooperation field in the time to come; and each year the group will be convened once or twice to share their experiences.

Source: MARD

4. NEW PROJECTS FOR THE SECTOR

Japan launches water project for Central Highlands



Dak Lak, 21/02/08: Five communes in the Central Highlands will get benefit from a Japanese-funded water supply project which has been launched in Dak Lak province.

The project has a total investment of 20 million USD, including a non-refundable aid from the Japanese Government and Vietnamese counterpart's funding.

Under the project, five water supply systems will be built for ethnic minority households in five communes of the provinces of Dak Lak, Gia Lai and Kon Tum.

All the water supply systems are expected to go into operation by 2010.

Source: VNA

JICA and Honda Vietnam Work Together for Reforestation JICA and Honda Vietnam Work Together for Reforestation (from JICA - Vietnam Forestry University on 2/26/2008)

Hanoi, Feb 21, 08: JICA, the Department of Forestry under MARD, and Honda Vietnam Co., Ltd announced that Honda Vietnam will provide financial support to the implementation of a small-scale Afforestation/Reforestation Clean Development Mechanism (AR-CDM) project in Cao Phong District, Hoa Binh Province.

This is the first case of cooperation among JICA, Honda Vietnam, and the Vietnamese Government, in which Honda Vietnam provides funds for the implementation of the project. In general, securing funds is a major obstacle for implementation of AR-CDM projects as well as regular reforestation projects. The financial support from Honda Vietnam paved a way for contribution to forestry projects by the private sector.

The pilot small-scale AR-CDM project is under formulation by JICA experts and forestry specialists at Vietnam Forestry University (VFU) and

the Research Center for Forest Ecology and Environment under the technical assistance of JICA. JICA has been assisting the capacity development of Vietnamese counterparts for AR-CDM development in order to promote it nationwide for environmental protection, watershed restoration, and poverty reduction in mountainous areas, as well as for contributions by Viet Nam to the Kyoto Protocol.

See detailed news at:

<http://www.isgmard.org.vn/Information%20Service/news/newsDetail.asp?id=1655>

Source: University of Forestry-JICA

5. EXPORTS PERFORMANCE



Vietnam to Monitor 2008 Rice Exports to Ensure Food Security

Hanoi, Feb 21, 08: Asia Pulse - Vietnam's government plans to keep a close watch over the rice export this year in a bid to ensure food security as the northern region, one of the country's rice bowls, is facing the risk of a bad harvest due to harsh cold weather.

This year's rice export will be made in moderation, favouring long-time partners, and the volume for export may be cut down as compared with 2007, said Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Nguyen Thanh Bien.

He said his ministry has been coordinating with a leading company, the Southern Food Corporation, in working out a plan to shift rice from the south to the north if necessary as the south is expected to have a bumper winter-spring crop.

The harvest in the south comes in March and April, promising a plentiful supply of rice for export, however, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), has forecasted that the export prices would stay high as the world demand continues to increase while the supply is short.

According to the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT), Vietnam's export rice prices are on trend to increase, being US\$100 per tonne higher than the same period last year.

By the first week of February, the export price of rice with 5 per cent of broken rice had reached US\$400 per tonne as compared with US\$355 per tonne in January.

According to the MARD, the rice prices in several Mekong delta provinces have been also rushing up since the traditional Lunar New Year (Tet) festival in early February.

In 2007, Vietnam exported 4.5 million tonnes of rice to earn US\$1.48 billion, a little bit lower in volume but 16 per cent higher in turnover as compared to 2006 thanks to high export prices. Rice continues to be one of the country's export staples.

Source: VNA

Rubber expected to earn 1.5 billion USD in 2008

Binh Phuoc, 11/02/08: Viet Nam's rubber export turnover is expected to hit 1.5 billion USD this year due to the world's increasing demand for natural rubber and high price.

The forecast was made by Le Quang Thung, General Director of the Viet Nam Rubber Industry Group, who added that Viet Nam's rubber was likely to fetch 2,250 USD per tonne in 2008.

Viet Nam's rubber was sold at 41 million VND (2,500 USD) per tonne in January, the highest level so far, while last year's export price was 33 million VND per tonne.

In 2007, Viet Nam exported 719,000 tonnes of rubber latex, earning 1.4 billion USD.

Source: VNA

Nation to export 4.5 million tonnes of rice in 2008

Ha Noi, 21/02/08: Viet Nam is likely to export 4-4.5 million tonnes of rice in 2008, following a guidance by Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung on February 21.

The export amount will be adjusted in the third quarter of the year, basing on a report from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on rice output.

In 2007, Viet Nam exported 4.5 million tonnes of rice to earn 1.48 billion USD.

Source: VNA

Aquatic breeding output increases during January

Ha Noi, 01/02/08: The country's total aquatic breeding output reached 120,000 tonnes in January, an increase of 20 percent over the same period last year, despite cold weather.

Aquatic breeding is expanding throughout the country, with a total area of 750,000 ha, nearly doubling the area in 2000, helping raise the nation's yearly output to 1.3 million tonnes.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, during the month, seafood export turnover is estimated at 255 million USD, up 1.7 percent from one year ago.

Source: VNA

Viet Nam considers Australia promising seafood market

Ha Noi, 18/02/08: Vietnamese seafood exporters are being urged to focus on improving the quality of exports to Australia, as the country is being considered to be their promising market.

Australia is currently imposing zero percent on Vietnamese seafood exports, helping the Southeast Asian nation sharpen their products' competitive edge on the market.

Last year, Viet Nam exported more than 30 million USD worth of tra catfish to Australia , registering an increase of 30 percent over 2006.

Fisheries experts recommended that Vietnamese exporters pay more attention to ensuring the quality and hygiene of their exports to Australia – a choosy market – to maintain and raise their market share there.

There are around 71 Vietnamese seafood businesses involved in exporting to Australia . They include the Thuan Hung Co. Ltd., the An Giang Fisheries Import-Export Co. and the Vinh Hoan Co. Ltd., which are Viet Nam 's leading tra and basa catfish exporters.

Source: VNA

6. STATE INVESTMENT



Over 252 billion VND for agricultural projects

Ha Noi, 22/02/08: This year, MARD will allot more than 252 billion VND for implementation of agricultural scientific and technological research projects.

Mr. Trieu Van Hung, Director General of the MARD's Department of Science and technology, said on February 22 that the projects mainly focus on biotechnology; conservation and exploitation of the flora and fauna genes fund; test production; and developing Vietnamese measurement, quality and varieties standards.

These projects will help ministries, branches and localities to work out agricultural and rural economic restructuring plans.

Source: VNA

Southern tip intensifies investment in irrigation

Ca Mau, 25/02/08: The southernmost province of Ca Mau has approved a major irrigation project at a cost of 508 billion VND for the years up to 2011.

The investment will help build 37 canals, two dykes and 40 sluices as well as to upgrade an existing dyke in order to water crop fields for the southern region of the province.

The project has added up to a pile of irrigation schemes approved by the provincial administration, including three other projects also for the southern part and one for the northern part of the province with a total design investment of over 924 billion VND for the period from 2007 to 2010.

The province recently invested in several sluice systems, such as the one on the western sea dyke, at costs totally estimated at 110 billion VND.

The saline erosion-hit province is struggling for fresh water in service of agricultural production as State budgets allocated to the province's irrigation

projects stood at just 190.5 billion VND for the 2006-2010 period.

Source: VNA

30 billion VND for building a agro-product market in Central province of Dac Nong

Hanoi, 26/02/08: The GoV has just provided the central province of Dak Nong with an investment amount of VND 30 billion, in order to create a focal point for consumption and exchange of agro-products produced by the province farmers.

The Market Nam Dong, located in Nam Dong commune of Cu Dut District, will be the first market of this type in the central Highland region. As planned, the market will go into operation from this April./.

Source: VNA

7. MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

Project ARD SPS: Kick-off workshop held



Hanoi, 21/2/08: On 21 Feb, Project Management Board of the Central Component of the project "ARD Sector Program Support-ARD SPS", under IPSARD held the kick-off workshop to launch the project, to introduce the project phase 2007-2012, discuss the coordination mechanism between central and provincial components, and also to seek partners for project implementation.

Participating in the workshop were representatives from MARD, relevant ministries, international organizations, donors, localities, associations, businesses, NGOs, research institutes, and universities.

This project is funded by the Government of Denmark with the objective: to reduce poverty reduction in rural areas, especially in ethnic minorities, through sustainable rural and agriculture development, with focus on mountainous areas. The project was signed by GoV and Government of Denmark on 11 Dec 2007. It includes one Central Component and 5 Provincial Sub-components in 5 provinces: Lao Cai, Dien Bien, Lai Chau, Dac Lac and Dac Nong, with total funding of 230 million Curon.

Further information of the project can be obtained from IPSARD at 048219848.

Source: IPSARD

Development of material zone for animal husbandry

Hanoi, 20 Feb 08: MARD's Department of Livestock, Vietnam's Association of Animal Foodstuff, and the US Chicago Group held the workshop "Market for

Animal foodstuff and Prospect for development of pig raising".

At the workshop, representative of maize growers of the State of Illinois (US), Illinois Maize marketing Committee exchanged experience in development of maize material zones; experience in controlling pig health, use of antibiotic medicines, strategies for pig disease prevention.

Mr. Hoang Kim Giao, Director General of the Livestock Department said, in 2007, the total of foodstuff production of Vietnam is around 8 million tons. However, the materials for production are still imported, with an amount of more than 4 million tons.

As planned by the ARD sector, by 2010 Vietnam will have produced 11 million tons of foodstuff and by 2015 this number will be 16 millions tons. Therefore, in coming years, Vietnam needs to expand its areas of foodstuff materials, particularly the maize areas, and soybeans./.

Source: Livestock Department

8. NEW PUBLICATIONS



Drought-Management Considerations for Climate-Change Adaptation: Focus on the Mekong Region - Report (Viet Nam)

By Oxfam in Viet Nam and Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies of Kyoto University, Japan
http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/policy/climate_change/downloads/ninh_thaun_research.pdf

Source: Oxfam UK

UNEP Year Book 2008. An Overview of Our Changing Environment

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), 2008.

Full text can be obtained from:

<http://www.unep.org/geo/yearbook/yb2008/>.

Source: WB-VDIC

Guide to International Negotiations and Rules on Intellectual Property, Biodiversity and Food Security.

Earthscan/IDRC, 2008. Full text can be obtained from:
http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-118094-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Source: WB-VDIC

Social Issues under Economic Transformation and Integration in Vietnam.

Volume 1. Vietnam Development Forum (VDF), 2007. Full text can be obtained from:

<http://www.vdf.org.vn/books.html#socialvol1>

Source: WB-VDIC

Asian Water Development Outlook 2007

Asian Development Bank (ADB), 2008. Full text can be obtained from:

<http://www.adb.org/Water/Knowledge-Center/AWDO/default.asp>

Source: ADB

Rural Development Outcomes and Drivers: An Overview and Some Lessons.

Asian Development Bank (ADB), 2008. Full text can be obtained from:

<http://www.adb.org/Documents/Books/Rural-Development-Outcomes-Drivers/default.asp>

Source: ADB

Predictability and Stability of ODA Flows The Case of Vietnam

www.un.org/ecosoc/newfunt/3.%20Viet%20Nam%20-%20Pham%20Hoang%20Mai.ppt

Source: www.un.org

Swiss ODA in Vietnam

Full text can be obtained from:

http://www.deza.ch/ressources/resource_de_23669.pdf

Vietnam's rice yearbook in 2007 and perspective in 2008 and Report on developments in 2007 and prospects for 2008

See details at:

<http://www.isgmard.org.vn/Jobs/2008/IPSARD/New%20publication.asp>

Source: IPSARD

9. COMING EVENT/ANNOUCEMENTS

The FMD LabNet Meeting



Hanoi, Feb 08: The FMD LabNet Meeting will be held in

Hanoi from 6-7 March 2008, with the attendance of 20 experts from the Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) diagnostic and research laboratories (Labs) in the Region and the International specialists of FAO, SEAFMD, Australian Animal health Laboratory (AHL), UK Pirbright Referent Lab, Japanese National Institute of animal health NIAH).

This is the annually meeting of the LabNet to promote the cooperation and seek resource and funding for FMD control.

Source: Department of Animal Health-MARD

14th Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in Southeast Asia

Hanoi, Feb 08: As approved by Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development, the 14th Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in Southeast Asia will be held from 10th-14th March, 2008, in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the status of FMD situation in the region and the progress of Southeast Asia Foot and Mouth disease (SEAFMD) Campaign as well as the resources and funding, International cooperation, disease surveillance, the establishment of effective FMD LabNet and review the SEAFMD 2020 Roadmap.

The meeting will be attended by around 80 participants, including the Director General of the World Organization for Animal health (OIE) and 60 participants from ASEAN countries and international organizations, such as SEAFMD, FAO, ACIAR, AusAID, CSIRO (Australia); JICA (Japan); CIRAD...and from the other countries, as Australia, Japan, New Zealand, China, Korea...

Source: Department of Animal Health-MARD

First-ever Asia-Pacific Forestry Week to be held in Vietnam Hanoi, 21-25 April 2008

Hanoi: Vietnam has been selected to host First-ever Asia-Pacific Forestry Week and the 22nd Session of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC), which will be held in Hanoi from 21 to 25 April 2008.

It will be the largest and the most important forestry event in the region in 2008, with the topic of "Forestry in a Changing World".

The organizers expected that at least 400 international participants will come from 33 country members of the APFC and more than 30 international NGOs, research institutions, forestry regional networks, UN agencies and the private sector.

Details can be obtained from <http://www.isgmard.org.vn/Jobs/Jobs.asp>

Source: Department of Forestry

Asia Ministerial Conference on Sanitation and hygiene

[Declaration of the First Esat Asia Ministerial Conference on Sanitation and hygiene. \(1st of December 2007\)](#)

See details at:

<http://www.isgmard.org.vn/Jobs/Jobs.asp>

Source: MPI

Announcement: Climate change and poverty reduction take centre stage at SENSAs 5th annual retreat - Cambodia from 11th - 13th February 2008

See details at:

<http://www.isgmard.org.vn/Jobs/Jobs.asp>

Source: Sida-Bangkok

List of major legal documents issued in February 2008 concerning agricultural and rural development sector.

STT	Issuing Agencies, Titles and References	Summary of main contents
Government		
1.	Decree no. 13/2008/NĐ-CP dated 4th February 2008 specifying organization the professional bodies of the provincial people's committees, the people's committees of centrally governed cities. PM Nguyen Tan Dung: signed.	According to the Decree, the DARDs in provinces, centrally governed cities are defined as follows: a) Department of Fishery and DARD are merged; b) DARD mentors and assists the provincial people's committees, the people's committees of centrally governed cities to enact the functions of governance in: agriculture, forestry, salt production, fishery, water resources and rural development; flood and typhoon prevention; safety of agricultural, forestry, fishery and salt products from the processing to consumption in the market.
2.	Decree no.14/2008/NĐ-CP dated 04/02/2008 specifying organization the professional bodies of the peoples' committees of districts, urban districts, towns and provincially governed cities. PM Nguyen Tan Dung: signed	According to this Decree, in those districts which have the agriculture and rural development office, the office performs the functions of governance in: agriculture, forestry, salt production, water resources, fishery, rural development, household economy development, farming plantation economy, cooperative economy of agriculture, forestry, salt production in connection with the sectors and careers, rural handicraft production villages in the communes.
Prime Minister		
3.	Decision 201/QĐ-TTg dated 19/02/2008 issued by PM on the support policy to recover the rice production of Winter-Spring crop 2007 - 2008 and cattle raising, as to fill in the loss during the damaging cold weather in 2008 PM Nguyen Tan Dung: signed	According to this Decision, a 50% of the prices of rice seeds will be supported for rice production of Winter- Spring crop 2007 - 2008 in each province; average support of VND 1 million for each cattle death as a result of damaging cold weather. Apart from that, the loans used for cattle raising with due time up to 29/02/2008 will be extended for another 12 months for farmers suffering from the damaging cold weather. Moreover, if the farmers need to get more loans for recovering the herds, they can get the loans normally in regulations. Supporting resources: from the reserves with contribution of 30% from central resources and 70% from the provinces.
4.	Directive no. 08/2008/CT-TTG dated 26/02/2008 on prevention and mitigation of natural disasters, floods, typhoons and life rescue in 2008 Deputy Prime Minister Hoang Trung Hai: Signed	To take initiatives in prevention and mitigation of natural disasters, floods, typhoons and life rescue to minimize the loss of life and property damages, to contribute into the social stabilization and successful implementation of socio-economic development in 2008, PM issued the directive to Ministries, sectors, organs of provinces, centrally governed cities to enact the some measures, as specifically for MARD as follows: - Guide, check, and supervise the provinces which have dikes to complete the reinforcement of dikes within the schedule in 2008; - Organize the research, instruct the natural disaster prone provinces how to change the structure of plants, crops, domestic animals to get on with the types of natural disasters frequently occurring in the locality; - Guide the control of fishing boats and fishermen in their marine operations, particularly during the hit of natural disaster; - Push up the process of construction of typhoon shelters for boats and ship as specified in approved plans; - Coordinate with the Minister of Transportation, Minister of National

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		Defense to make use of the system of Coastal Communication Station, the communication of Border Guards along the coast to serve the purpose of natural disaster prevention and life sea rescue.
MARD		
5.	Decision no. 31/2008/QĐ-BNN dated 04/01/2008 issuing the Statute for Public statement and Information Provision to the mass media for MARD MARD Minister Cao Duc Phat: signed	This Decision specifies the responsibilities and the authority in making statement to mass media of the Minister, Vice Ministers, ministerial speaker, department heads, heads of bodies affiliated to the ministry. The Decision also includes the regulations for making statements and information provision periodically, exceptionally, and cases of refusal of making statement and the responsibilities of bodies affiliated to the ministry in implementation of the Statute.
6.	Decision no. 32/2008/QĐ-BNN dated 04/02/2008 on enlisting some additional chemicals into the list of pesticides with permission to be used in Vietnam. Vice Minister Bui Ba Bong: Signed	According to Decision, two types of pesticides are added into the list of pesticides with permission to be used in Vietnam. The export, import of pesticides promulgated as an attachment to this Decision is implemented as in Regulations for commodity export-import promulgated as an attachment to Decree no. 12/2006/NĐ-CP dated 23rd January 2006 issued by the Government.
7.	Circular 33/2008/TT-BNN dated 04/02/2008 issued by MARD on the enactment of articles in the Decree no. 72/2007/NĐ-CP dated 07/5/2007 issued by the Government on dam safety management. Vice Minister Dao Xuan Hoc: Signed	The Circular gives detailed instructions in registration for dam safety applicable in new reservoirs and the existing operational reservoirs. The deadline for dam safety registration is 30/6/2008. The Circular also gives instructions for checking, accrediting the construction quality and contingent planning for flood prevention and safety in the downstream area of the dam.
8.	Circular 34/2008/TT-BNN dated 14/02/2008 revising and supplementing some points in the Circular no. 80/2007/TT-BNN dated 24-9-2007 issued by MARD to instruct how to make plan for the agriculture and forestry production in connection with the processing, consuming the products and the procedures for supporting the production in resettlements of Son La hydropower scheme. Vice Minister Ho Xuan Hung: Signed	On 24-9-2007, MARD issued the Circular no. 80/2007/TT-BNN to instruct how to make plan for the agriculture and forestry production in connection with the processing, consuming the products and the procedures for supporting the production in resettlements of Son La hydropower scheme. After a period of implementation, MARD revised and supplemented Clause 1 Part II, Annex 1 of the Circular for appropriate practice in actual local reality.
9.	Decision no. 35/2008/QĐ-BNN dated 15/02/2008 promulgating the Regulations for management over the seedling production in peasant households. Vice Minister Bui Ba Bong : Signed	This Decision specifies the regulations for management over following activities: conservation, reserves, usages the genetic resources and local plant species; selection of new plant species; production and exchanges of plant species in the community and in market circulation;
10.	Directive no 36/2008/CT-BNN on the enhancement of environment protection in agriculture and rural development. MARD Minister Cao Duc Phat: signed	To carry out the intention to change the economic structure of agriculture, for sustainable development, the Minister of MARD demanded the concerning heads of units affiliated to the Ministry, People's Committees of provinces and centrally governed cities, provincial bodies which govern the agriculture and rural development to guide the implementation of 6 focal assignments. The related organs affiliated to the Ministry are responsible for organizing the specified full time units or assigning the tasks to the officials to monitor the activities in environment protection as a part of the main operation in their unit.

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11.	Decision no.564/QĐ-BNN-KH dated 22/02/2008 on the issuance of result-based M&E log frame for the implementation of the agriculture and rural development sector 5 year plan 2006-2010 MARD Minister Cao Duc Phat: signed	According to this Decision, basing on the log frame to monitor and evaluate the 5 year plan implementation, and the actual features of each sub-sector, field, the units prepare and issue their own result-based M&E log frame for the implementation of the agriculture and rural development sector 5 year plan 2006-2010 for the sub-sector, field under their supervision, the Departments/ Agencies, Inspectorates, Committee for Reformation and Management over enterprises, centers affiliated to the Ministry must arrange the monitoring over the implementation to ensure each target attained as they are assigned in the 5 year plan M&E log frame.

(Please visit our website to download at <http://www.isgmard.org.vn/Information%20Service/Legal%20docs/Legaldoc-list-e.asp>)

Source: ISG

Free legal update services from other sources:

1. Allens Arthur Robinson - Vietnam Legal Update
http://www.vietnamlaws.com/vietnam_legal_update.aspx?year=2007
2. Vision and Associates - Vietnam Legal News
http://www.vision-associates.com/Legal_News_Updates_2007.htm
3. Intellasia News Services - Vietnam laws and legal news
<http://www.intellasia.com/legal.shtml>
4. Intellasia News Services - Vietnam latest promulgated legal documents
http://www.intellasia.com/new_laws.shtml
5. The International Support Group
<http://www.isgmard.org.vn/Information%20Service/Legal%20docs/Legaldoc-list-e.asp>

Web sites with free online full text legal documents:**In Vietnamese:**

1. Office of the National Assembly >> Law Database:
<http://www.vietlaw.gov.vn/>
2. Government of Vietnam - Legal Documents:
http://www.chinhphu.vn/portal/page?_pageid=33,638897&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL
3. Ministry of Justice - National Legal Database:
<http://vbqpp1.moj.gov.vn/>
4. Draft laws for public comments:
<http://duthaonline.quochoi.vn/>
5. Drafts decrees and other legal documents for public comments:
<http://www.chinhphu.vn>

In English:

1. Ministry of Justice - Law Database
<http://vbqpp12.moj.gov.vn/law/en/index.html>
2. ASEM Connect Vietnam
http://asemconnectvietnam.gov.vn/luatasem_out/law_page1.aspx
3. Ministry of Planning and Investment <http://www.mpi.gov.vn> >> English >> "Legal documents issued by MPI"
4. Doing Business Law Library by World Bank Group
<http://www.doingbusiness.org/LawLibrary/>
5. Ministry of Finance <http://www.mof.gov.vn> >> English >> "Recent legal documents on financial issues"
6. Phillips Fox - Some Vietnam legislative documents
http://www.vietnamlaws.com/vietnamlawsonline_freeversion.aspx

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