

## DOCTORAL THESIS' INFORMATION

Name of thesis: **Vietnam's law on sanitary and phytosanitary measures for agricultural exports**

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### 1. SUMMARY OF THESIS

The thesis is carried out to analyze and develop legal recommendations to contribute to the improvement of Vietnam's legal regulations on sanitary and phytosanitary for exported agricultural products. According to Vietnamese government statistics, when Vietnamese agricultural products are exported to the US and EU markets, they face major challenges in terms of maximum residue levels of pesticides, food safety regulations, and phytosanitary inspection. As a result, the thesis's research scope is restricted to two issues: (i) Regulations on maximum residue levels of pesticides for plant protection; (ii) Regulations on food safety inspection for exported goods of plant origin and plant quarantine for exported agricultural products. The following issues have been clarified in the thesis:

*To begin*, the concepts used in the thesis have been clarified, while also analyzing the need to improve legal regulations on food hygiene and safety for exported agricultural products and the role of exporting agricultural products for Vietnam.

*Second*, in terms of the maximum residue level of pesticides, the thesis identified and analyzed inadequacies in Vietnamese legal regulations on the maximum residue level of pesticides, as compared to the respective regulations of the United States and the European Union; and then developed recommendations to improve Vietnam's legal regulations on pesticide management and maximum residue levels of pesticides.

*Third*, in relation to food safety inspection and plant quarantine, the thesis not only identifies inappropriate contents in Vietnam's law on food safety inspection for exported goods of plant origin, but also indicates other legal provisions related to assuring the quality of exported agricultural products, particularly those related to agricultural strategy development to achieve international food safety standards, such as regulations on land use regimes, policing, and so on.

### 2. NEW RESULTS OF THE THESIS

*Firstly*, the thesis systematically analyzed and evaluated Vietnam's legal provisions concerning sanitary and phytosanitary measures for exported agricultural products. Simultaneously, relevant legal provisions from the United States and the European Union are analyzed and compared.

*Secondly*, the thesis has made recommendations to improve the organization of Vietnam's state pesticide management apparatus, as well as regulations on food safety inspection and plant quarantine for exported agricultural products. At the same time, the thesis emphasizes the importance of implementing solutions to improve the legal framework in order to create favorable conditions for investment in the production and export of high-quality agricultural products.

### **3. PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS / ISSUES NEED TO CONTINUE RESEARCH**

*First*, the thesis examined the theoretical and practical bases for demonstrating the need to improve sanitary and phytosanitary legal regulations for agricultural products in general and exported agricultural products in particular. In terms of practice, the thesis has proposed legal solutions to improve Vietnam's specific regulations on pesticide management and the establishment of pesticide MRLs, as well as regulations on the safety inspection of exported food of plant origin and export phytosanitary. Simultaneously, make recommendations to improve the legal framework for developing and enforcing sanitary and epidemiological regulations for exported agricultural products.

*Second*, the thesis research findings contribute scientific perspectives on the theoretical and practical foundations of managing the quality of exported agricultural products in relation to sanitary and phytosanitary measures. The thesis' research findings also contribute to the development of a socialist-oriented market economy in Vietnam; it is a valuable and dependable reference source for students, practitioners, researchers, and practitioners.

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