

**Decision No. 70/2005/QĐ-BNN dated 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2005 regulating functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Crops Production Department**

**Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

Pursuant to Decree 86/2003/ND-CP dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2003 by the government on the functions, tasks, powers, and organizational structure of MARD;

Pursuant to Article 19, Decree 82/2002/ND-CP dated 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2002 of the Government on functions, tasks, powers and organization structures of ministries and ministry-level agencies;

Pursuant to Decision No. 254/2005/QĐ-TTg dated 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2005 of the Prime Minister on adjusting some organizations under MARD;

Considering the proposal of the Director General of Personnel Department.

**Decides:**

**Article 1. Position and functions**

1. The Crops Production Department is established on the base of reorganizing the former Agriculture Department pursuant to item 1, Article 1 of Decision 254/2005/QĐ-TTg dated 13th Oct. 2005 by the Prime Minister on adjustment of some MARD's affiliated organization.
2. The Crops Production Department is an organization under MARD to perform state management in cultivation over the country.
3. The Crops Production Department has legal status, allocated budget, its own seal and account opened at State Treasure based on the legislations.  
The head- office of the department is located in Hanoi city.

**Article 2. Tasks and powers**

The department is assigned by the Minister to perform state management in the field of cultivation, as follows:

1. Formulate and submit to the Minister law projects, ordinance projects, and draft legal documents under management of the Department.
2. Submit to the Minister strategies, planning, policies, annual and long-term plans, programs, projects, proposals, standards, process, specifications, economic and technical norms in cultivation within the management scope assigned by the Minister.
3. Issuing documents on management skills, professional guidance in the fields assigned by the Minister.
4. Organizing, directing, guiding, checking and being responsible for implementation of approved legal documents, planning, programs, plans, projects, standards, technical and

economic norms; and propagating and educating policies, legislations on the fields under the Department's management.

#### 5. Seeds

- a) Perform state management over seeds based on the legislations;
- b) Formulate strategies, planning, plans of crops development in conformity with the country and province comprehensive social-economic development;
- c) Organize surveys, statistics on seeds utilization; develop procedures, specification, technology of agricultural seeds and plant varieties;
- d) Manage quality, monitor evaluation and testing quality of seeds and plant varieties; testing and recognize new plant varieties; selection and recognizing nurseries and lines; protecting new plant varieties;
- d) Issue and withdraw licenses, certificates of plant varieties within the Department's competition;
- g) Manage the system of cross-breeding, testing, production, business of plant varieties;
- h) Submit to the Minister for issuance of a list of plant varieties subjected to allowable production and business in Vietnam;
- i) Develop and manage database of plant varieties;
- k) Manage exporting and importing seeds and plant varieties;

#### 6. Cultivation

- a) Managing uniformly crops timing, techniques of farming and harvesting;
- b) Managing uniformly planning, utilizing, protecting and increasing farming land's fertility; participating in planning, plans of using farming land and changing targets of using agricultural land;

#### 7. Fertilizer management

- a) Uniformly managing quality and utilization of organic fertilizer;
- b) Managing registration, and testing of new fertilizers;
- c) Submitting to the Minister the list of allowable production and trading fertilizers in Vietnam
- d) Developing and managing the database of fertilizers.

#### 8. Steering crops cultivation

- a) Developing and steering the implementation of annual crop cultivation plans;
- b) Appraising investment projects of material production areas where cultivation is combined with agricultural products processing and preservation based on the planning; participating in the management of agricultural products processing and preservation; proposing measures to overcome natural disasters and epidemic diseases;
- c) Performing state management over crop extension activities;
- d) Doing statistics, preparing production progress reports, establishing database on crops production;
- e) Reviewing and evaluating annual production status;
- f) Appraising and managing the implementation of basic survey projects on crops production;
- g) Managing, monitoring national reserved seeds.

#### 9. Science and technology

- a) Perform a unified state management on gene bank of seeds and plant varieties.

- b) Develop and submit to the Ministry programs, plans, research studies, applications of advanced science technology; manage and organize the dissemination of advanced technology application results;
- c) Submit to the Ministry for issuance of quality standards of seeds, cultivation products, fertilizers, materials for crops production based on the authority of the Ministry;
- d) Manage the information on crops production science technology.
- e) Establish and manage the Specialized Science Council to appraise testing results of new seeds, fertilizers to submit Minister for issuance to include in the list of allowable production and trading crops and fertilizers in Vietnam.

10. Participate in training and improving professional ability on crops production based on the assignment of the Ministry.

11. Trade promotion of agricultural products:

- a) Participating in preparing forecasting, and orientation of market development on exported agricultural products, importing-replacing products, and domestic consumption.
- b) Participating in making policies on crops market development and international trade integration.
- c) Directing and organizing fairs, exhibitions on crops production.

12. Develop international cooperation programs, projects on crops production; Participating in negotiation to sign, join in international treaties, international organizations in the field of crops production; organize the implementation of treaties, international cooperation projects based on the decentralization of the Ministry.

13. Manage, steer non-productive and public units under the Ministry.

14. Taking part in management of associations, non-government organizations in the field of crops production.

15. Inspecting, investigating; addressing petitions, accusations; combating against corruption, negative phenomenon, and other infringement in crops production sector.

16. Formulating and implementing administrative reform of the department based on the Ministry's reform program.

17. Performing the task of managing new plant variety protection office.

18. Managing the organization, apparatus, staffs of the Department based on the regulations; conducting mechanisms of salary and incentive payment, rewarding and disciplining regulations.

19. Managing finance, assets and other assigned resources; organizing the implementation of allocated budget based on the regulations.

20. Other duties upon the Minister's assignments.

### **Article 3. Organizational Arrangement**

1. Directorate of the Department

The directorate consists of the Director General and Deputy Directors appointed by the Minister of MARD.

The Director General conducts activities of the department, responsible to the Minister of MARD and the legislations for the department's performance.

The Deputy General Directors assist the Director General, responsible to the Director General and the legislations for the implementation of tasks assigned.

## 2. Organization of the department

- a) Administration section
- b) Plan and Finance section
- c) Legislation and inspection section
- d) Cash crops and food crops section
- e) Industrial plant and fruit trees section
- f) Soil and Fertilizer section
- g) Representative office in Ho Chi Minh city
- h) Representative office in Binh Dinh province

## 3. Other affiliated units

- a) Central Center for Seeds Testing
- b) Assigned affiliated units under Minister's decision

The Director General shall regulate duties, arrange staffs, and define working regulations of the sections based on the legislations; staffs of the department will receive salary from allocated budget.

## **Article 4. Valid for Implementation**

This Decision will be effective after 15 days from the day it is published on the Official Gazette; all the previous regulations contrary to this decision become annulled.

## **Article 5. Responsibilities for implementation**

1. The Director General of the Department of Agriculture shall be responsible to transfer the relating contents to the General Director of Crops Production.

2. Chief of MARD's Office, Director General of Personnel Organization, heads of relevant agencies in MARD, Chairmen of PPCs, and Director General of the Crops Production Department shall be responsible to implement this Decision./.

**Minister Cao Duc Phat**

**(Signed and sealed)**