

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
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**DECISION OF MINISTER OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Specifying the functions, responsibilities, authorities and apparatus organization of  
Science - Technology Department**

**MINISTER OF MARD**

Pursuant to Decree no 86/2003/ND-CP dated July 18, 2003 of the Government defining function, tasks, authorities and organizational structure of MARD;

Pursuant to the Article 16 of the Decree no 86/2002/ND-CP dated November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002 of the Government, specifying function, tasks, authorities and organizational structure of ministries and ministerial agencies;

Regarding the proposal made by the Director of Department of Organization and Personnel,

**DECIDES:**

**Article 1: Position and functions:**

Department of Science and Technology is an agency for collective management of MARD Minister in performing the state management function over the agriculture and rural development sector on science and technology in the whole nation in accordance with the legal regulations.

**Article 2: Responsibility and authorities**

Department of Science and Technology is assigned by MARD Minister to perform the task of collective management on science, technology, product qualities under the State management scope of MARD specifying as follows:

1. Collectively submit MARD Minister strategies, programs, scientific research plans, application of technical advances, technology transfer, standard, quality of products under management scope of MARD in accordance with legal regulations.
2. Take part in developing, guiding the implementation of legal normative document on the management of science, technology, standard, measures, quality in the agriculture and rural development; appraise, collect to submit the MARD Minister for issuance of standards of the sector.
3. Monitor, review the implementation of processes, norms, standards and other technical regulations under MARD management scope.
4. Synthesize, review the management of national gene fund on both animal and plants (including forest plants and wild animals), microorganisms used in agriculture, forestry, salt production in accordance with legal regulations.
5. Submit Minister to decentralize and assign scientific research subjects on science technology to agencies, units affiliated to MARD; collect, guide, review, evaluate results of the implementation of programs, scientific research subjects under the management scope of MARD. Coordinate with related agencies to manage programs and scientific research subjects at State level of the sector in compliance with legal regulations.

6. Synthesize, monitor activities on profession intellectual property rights, industrial property (useful solutions, industrial model, goods trade mark, name of good origin), initiatives and creative work in the agriculture and rural development sector in accordance with legal regulations.
7. Lead the appraisal and then submit to Minister to recognize new plant varieties, new animal varieties, new materials, equipment specialized; new technology processes and used with large quantities in agriculture, forestry, salt production, water resources and rural development.
8. Synthesize, review the insurance of quality of produces, forestry products, salt in the system of water resources facilities, professional equipments under the responsibilities scope of MARD in accordance with legal regulations.
9. Participate in appraising quality of construction works and quality of products, facilities, investment projects under the management scope in accordance with functions of the Department assigned by MARD Minister; take part in appraising, dealing with technological problems and other tasks assigned by Minister.
10. Synthesize, monitor, review the implementation of results of scientific researches, scientific, technological information; issuance of scientific, technological documents, norms, measures, quality of the Sector and the shipment of scientific technological documents, models related to scientific-technological activities of the sector to overseas in compliance with the laws; collect information, synthesize periodical and unscheduled reports on activities of science and technology of the sector as regulated.
11. Watch over the Council of Science and Technology, Council of Initiatives and Invention of MARD, National Economic, Technical Program for Bio-technology; take part in councils appraising programs, proposals, projects on basic investigation, planning projects, investment projects on development of agriculture, forestry, salt production, water resources and rural development in accordance with function of the Department as assigned by MARD Minister.
12. Take part in managing international cooperation activities on science, technology of the field of agriculture, forestry, salt production, water resources and rural development.
13. Participate in developing plans to restructure the system for science, technology and training; plans for training and retraining science officials under the MARD management scope.
14. Manage contingent of cadres and civil servants, property and other resources assigned by Minister.
15. Undertake other tasks assigned by MARD Minister.

### **Article 3. Apparatus Organization.**

1. The Department Leadership:

The Department leadership includes the Director and Deputies appointed by MARD Minister as regulated,

The Director is responsible for steering all activities of the Department, responsible to MARD Minister and the Laws for the Department's activities and assigned tasks.

The Deputies are responsible for assisting the Director and responsible to the Director and the Laws for the performance of assigned tasks. The numbers of Deputies do not exceed 3 and in case of exceeded numbers, it is necessary to report to the Minister.

2. Cadres and civil servants of the Department take responsibilities to the Director and the Laws for performing assigned tasks; have duties and benefits in accordance with legal regulations.

Director of Science, Technology Department develops Working Regulations of his Department and submit to Minister for approval and implementation organization; appoints cadres and civil servants in line with titles, standards and tasks assigned.

**Article 4: Operation effects**

This decision comes into force after 15 days from the issuance on the Government Gazette, replacing Decision no 11/NN – TCCB/ QD dated January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1996 of MARD Minister specifying the functions, tasks and authorities and organizational apparatus of Science, Technology and Product Quality Department and other previous regulations the run counter to this Decision.

**Article 5: Operation responsibilities**

Director of Science, Technology and Product Quality Department hands over the status quos of his Department to the Director of Science, Technology Department.

The Director of Plant Protection Department, Director of OMARD, Directors of Departments, Chief Inspector, Heads of Provincial and City People’s Committees and Heads of agencies, units under the management of MARD are responsible for putting this Decision into operation.

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