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The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo
Secretary of Commerce
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Re: ***Raw Honey from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam***: Response to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's Request for Changed Circumstances Review

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

On behalf of the Catfish Farmers of America ("CFA") and individual U.S. catfish processors America's Catch, Inc., Alabama Catfish, LLC d/b/a Harvest Select Catfish, Inc., Consolidated Catfish Companies, LLC d/b/a Country Select Catfish, Delta Pride Catfish, Inc., Guidry's Catfish, Inc., Heartland Catfish Company, Magnolia Processing, Inc. d/b/a Pride of the Pond, and Simmons Farm Raised Catfish, Inc., we hereby submit the following response to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's ("GOV") request for the U.S. Department of Commerce (the "Department") to initiate a changed circumstances review ("CCR") with respect to Vietnam's treatment as a non-market economy ("NME") under the U.S. antidumping laws.¹

The Department should continue to categorize Vietnam as an NME. There is no procedural or substantive justification to revoke Vietnam's NME status. The domestic catfish industry has

¹ Letter from the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Sec'y of Commerce, re: *Request for the U.S. Department of Commerce to Initiate a Changed Circumstances Review on Behalf of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam* (Sept. 8, 2023) ("GOV CCR Request").

seen first-hand how the GOV unfairly supports Vietnam’s sprawling pangasius² industry, and this experience is not an outlier. Vietnam’s unfair and distortive actions directly harm the workers and businesses of numerous domestic industries, including the U.S. catfish industry. Overlooking Vietnam’s market distortions will only exacerbate the injury to the U.S. catfish industry and all other domestic industries relying on the U.S. trade law to level the playing field.

As Petitioners in this proceeding have explained, a CCR is not an appropriate vehicle for reviewing Vietnam’s NME status.³ The Department may review a final antidumping determination only where investigation on where it “receives . . . a request from an interested party . . . which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of such determination”⁴ According to the statute and the Department’s regulations, good cause must exist for the Department to review a final antidumping determination within this 24 month window.⁵ The final determination at issue here was published on April 14, 2022, less than 24 months prior to the GOV’s request.⁶ Yet, the GOV has not shown that good cause exists due to any change in circumstances since the Department’s final determination.⁷ As such, it is inappropriate to review Vietnam’s NME status in the context of a CCR. Instead, the Department must field any request to alter Vietnam’s NME status in an administrative review. The Department must also give interested

² Pangasius is a species of freshwater fish in Southeast Asia sold in the United States as a competitor to catfish.

³ See generally, Letter from Kelley Drye, re: *Changed Circumstances Review Regarding Market Economy Status Request of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam – Petitioners’ Response to Vietnam’s Request for Market Economy Treatment* (Oct. 6, 2023) (“Petitioners’ Response”).

⁴ 19 U.S.C. § 1675(b)(1).

⁵ *Id.* § 1675(b)(4).

⁶ *Raw Honey from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam*, 87 Fed. Reg. 22,184 (Dep’t Commerce Apr. 14, 2022) (final affirm. deter. of sales at less than fair value and final affirm. deter. of critical circumstances).

⁷ See generally GOV CCR Request.

parties an opportunity to provide notice and comment on this issue of incredible magnitude to numerous U.S. manufacturers, farmers, and processors.

Moreover, though U.S. catfish farmers and processors expect to provide more comprehensive substantive comments in a full review, we agree with Petitioners that there is no justification for changing Vietnam's NME status. As a substantive matter, the GOV has not established that any reforms in the Vietnamese economy satisfy the statutory requirements for market economy status. The Department reviewed Vietnam's market economy status in the investigation of *Certain Frozen Fish Fillets of Vietnam*—a case brought by members of the domestic catfish industry.⁸ In that case the Department found that:

- There were significant restrictions on the use, transfer, and exchange rate of the Vietnamese currency, the dong;
- The GOV directed and controlled foreign direct investment;
- A GOV pricing committee retained discretionary control over prices in areas of the economy beyond natural monopolies;
- Privatization of state-owned enterprises (“SOE”) in the banking sector and elsewhere was insufficient, excluding the private sector from access to resources and protecting SOEs from competition; and
- Private land ownership was prohibited, with no prospect of reform.⁹

Since then, there have not been any meaningful changes to the fundamental structure or features of the Vietnamese economy. As discussed in Petitioners' comments, the GOV continues to interfere with Vietnam's currency and financial markets, influence the foreign exchange market, heavily restrict foreign investment, distort labor, wages, property and prices, champion state-

⁸ Petitioners' Response at Attachment 1, p. 2.

⁹ *Id.*

owned enterprises, and control land ownership.¹⁰ In these and other fundamental characteristics, the Vietnamese economy essentially resembles the Chinese economy, which the Department has continued to treat as an NME under the statutory standards. It is perhaps no surprise, then, that Vietnam has become one of the primary destinations for state-directed and subsidized foreign direct investment from Chinese enterprises and, frequently, a platform for circumvention of U.S. trade remedy orders.¹¹ Simply put, Vietnam does not meet the statutory definition of a market economy, and the Department should continue to treat Vietnam as a nonmarket economy.

The U.S. catfish industry is extremely familiar with how the GOV's economy-distorting practices generate exports and harm U.S. workers and companies. Aquatic products, and pangasius in particular,¹² are a "pillar" of the Vietnamese economy.¹³ Aquatic and forest products account for more than half of Vietnam's total exports, and the GOV has expressed a desire to increase its exports of fishery products to \$10 billion in 2023.¹⁴ To this end, the GOV has proposed providing 10,000 billion VND (\$410.6 million) in preferential, low-interest credit from the State Bank of Vietnam to support the growth of fishery and forestry production.¹⁵ This is only the most recent

¹⁰ *Id.* at 7-17.

¹¹ *See, e.g., Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules, from the Peoples Republic of China*, 88 Fed. Reg. 57,419 (Dep't Commerce Aug. 23, 2023) (final scope deter. and final affirm. deter. of circumvention); *Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China*, 88 Fed. Reg. 46,740 (Dep't Commerce July 20, 2023) (final scope deter. and affirm. final deter. of circumvention); *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from the People's Republic of China*, 88 Fed. Reg. 19,070 (Dep't Commerce Mar. 30, 2023) (final scope ruling and final affirm. deter. of circumvention).

¹² Tien Dung, *The Prime Minister requested "substantive and timely" support of help seafood and forest products reach the export target of 27.5 billion USD*, VnEconomy (Apr. 13, 2023), **attached as Exhibit 1**.

¹³ *See Research and propose a 10,000 billion package to support forestry and fisheries*, Chinh Phu (Mar. 5, 2023), **attached as Exhibit 2**.

¹⁴ *See id.*

¹⁵ *See id.*

example of GOV support and intervention. This funding distorts and artificially deflates Vietnamese producers' sales prices and costs of production.

The GOV's involvement in its pangasius industry directly effects U.S. workers and companies. Many catfish farms and processing facilities are located in disadvantaged and underserved communities, providing benefits and wages that exceed the local median annual per capita income. In total, the domestic catfish industry directly supports more than 1,700 jobs and indirectly supports nearly 5,000 jobs throughout rural Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Catfish farmers and processors not only support jobs in these underserved and underrepresented communities, but they are also deeply involved in the life of these communities, recruiting from local community colleges, providing job skills trainings, and supporting local charities, fire departments, and community outreach projects. Unfair competition threatens to undercut U.S. producers and force farmers and processors out of business. The resulting job losses from unfair trade threaten to upend entire communities. Vietnam's status as a NME ensures that the Department has the tools necessary to allow the antidumping duty order on fish fillets from Vietnam to capture the full extent of Vietnamese dumping and ensure that U.S. producers can compete on a level playing field.

Given the growing prominence of unfair trade practices by producers in Vietnam and their harmful effects on domestic industries, including the domestic catfish industry, the Department should decline to initiate a changed circumstances review here. Consistent with the Department's recent NME status reviews, any review of Vietnam's NME status should be conducted in the context of a full investigation or administrative review, with full public notice and opportunity for comment. Ultimately, the Department should continue to treat Vietnam as a NME.

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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The Prime Minister requested "substantive and timely" support to help seafood and forest products reach the export target of 27.5 billion USD

Tien Dung -

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Chairing a working conference with the Timber and Forest Products Association and the Vietnam Association of Seafood Processing and Exporters on April 13, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh emphasized the need for practical and timely support for businesses to export. Forest product exports reach the target of 17.5 billion USD and 10 billion USD of seafood in 2023...



The Prime Minister spoke at the conference - Photo: VGP

The conference worked with the Timber and Forest Products Association and the Vietnam Association of Seafood Processing and Exporters to remove difficulties and promote the production and export of forest and

aquatic products. Attending the conference were Deputy Prime Minister Tran Luu Quang, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Minh Hoan, leaders of ministries, branches, central agencies, representatives of international organizations, associations, Enterprises that produce and export wood, forestry and aquatic products.

This conference was held in succession to many conferences that have been chaired by the Prime Minister in recent times to drastically remove difficulties and obstacles for production and business, support businesses and people to reduce spending pressure. costs, promoting production, promoting growth, creating jobs and livelihoods for people, affirming that the Government and local authorities always listen, dialogue, and accompany businesses in the spirit of sharing and straightforwardness. honesty, responsibility, harmonization of interests, and sharing of risks between the State, businesses and people.

MANY DIFFICULTIES AND CHALLENGES, BUSINESSES HAVE TO HOLD OFF

At the conference, delegates evaluated the results and situation of processing, import and export of forest and aquatic products in recent times; some difficulties, obstacles and orientations for the development of the wood processing industry, forest products and aquatic products for export; Propose solutions to remove difficulties in production, find and expand export markets.

Reports and opinions at the conference assessed that Vietnam's seafood industry has made great breakthroughs, Vietnam's seafood products have been exported to more than 170 countries and territories; Vietnam is in the top 3 largest seafood exporting countries in the world. Export of wood and forestry products always ranks in the top 10 exports of Vietnam, with an average export value of over 11 billion USD/year.



Deputy Prime Minister Tran Luu Quang spoke at the conference - Photo: VGP

In 2022, the agricultural industry has achieved spectacular growth, exceeding the set target; The wood and forest products manufacturing and processing industry continues to set a new record in export value reaching 17.1 billion USD, an increase of 7.1% compared to 2021, of which wood and wood products reached 16.1 billion USD. 01 billion USD, non-timber forest products reached 1.09 billion USD. Seafood export turnover in 2022 will reach 11 billion USD, up 23.8% over the same period in 2021 and up 22.2% compared to plan (9 billion USD), the highest ever.

However, at the end of 2022 and the first 3 months of 2023, our country's economy in general and the agricultural sector in particular have been facing great difficulties and challenges due to the impact and influence of various factors. external disadvantage.

In the first quarter of 2023, wood and forest product exports decreased by over 28%, seafood exports decreased by over 27%, some large markets such as the US exported wood decreased by 37%, seafood decreased by up to 50%; The number of orders for wooden products decreased by 50% in quantity and 50% in value compared to the same period in 2022, businesses had to produce in moderation, greatly affecting production and business, affecting the lives of people. nearly ten million workers.

THE STATE RESPONSES TIMELY POLICY, ENTERPRISES PROMOTE SELF-REPRESSION

Speaking in conclusion, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh acknowledged the difficulties and challenges facing the forestry and fisheries industries, such as dependence on exports for many raw materials; Trade disputes are complicated, negatively impacting production and business; Large, traditional markets of Vietnam are shrinking, such as the US, EU, Japan...; Importers diversify markets, products, etc. Besides, changing policies of other countries also causes difficulties for Vietnam.

"The forestry products industry sets an export target of 17.5 billion USD in 2023, while the fisheries industry sets a target of about 10 billion USD. This is a very high target, requiring all relevant entities. It takes great effort and great determination to achieve," the Prime Minister assessed.

The Prime Minister emphasized the goal of removing difficulties and obstacles, especially in markets, institutions, and credit capital for the production, processing and export of forest and fishery products to promote production and business. creating jobs and income for millions of workers in the field of forestry and fisheries.



Panorama of the conference - Photo: VGP

Regarding guiding viewpoints, the Prime Minister stated clearly that it is necessary to improve the competitiveness of the forestry and fishery industries, promote the spirit of self-reliance, self-reliance, and self-reliance, while attaching importance to exports and domestic market. In

particular, the State creates the most favorable business environment, supports and shares practically monetary and fiscal policies. Along with that, promote the self-reliance, self-reliance, initiative and creativity of each enterprise and the role of associations; The more difficult it is, the more we must unite and work together to solve problems for mutual development.

Regarding general tasks in the coming time, the Prime Minister requested ministries, branches and localities to focus on directing and well implementing tasks and solutions to remove difficulties and obstacles and diversify markets. , products, supply chain, reduce costs, cut down procedures, create an open investment and business environment, prevent corruption and negativity, and avoid troubles and harassment.

Promote the implementation of 3 strategic breakthroughs (institutions, infrastructure, human resources); continue to build and perfect institutions, mechanisms and policies; Building strategic infrastructure, especially transportation infrastructure, especially the expressway system to reduce logistics costs for businesses.

Policy responses are more proactive, flexible, timely and effective; Timely handle requests from businesses in the production, trading and export of forest and aquatic products. Closely monitor the development of forest and aquatic product export markets; developments in international and regional situations, policy adjustments of countries and partners, especially trade, investment, and monetary policies to proactively analyze, forecast, and build scenarios , appropriate management and response plans.



"While the export market is shrinking, it is necessary to support businesses to effectively take advantage of the domestic consumer market with 100 million people; promote the campaign for Vietnamese people to prioritize using Vietnamese goods." , the Prime Minister stated.

The Prime Minister also requested to promote negotiations and continue to effectively implement Vietnam's agreements and treaties with other countries to expand markets, focusing on exploiting niche markets. Promote digital transformation and scientific and technological innovation, considering this as one of the breakthroughs to promote export growth and sustainability.

Closely coordinate to remove difficulties for businesses in implementing policies related to VAT refund; Strengthen inspection and control of law enforcement, ensure good implementation of traceability of aquatic and forestry products; Resolve difficulties for seafood businesses related to Vietnamese standards on seafood processing waste levels and regulations on waste levels in aquaculture ponds.

Enterprises in the wood and seafood industries need to promote tradition, the spirit of initiative, self-reliance, self-reliance, creativity and overcome difficulties to find new ways to save themselves, promote production and business, and expand markets. school.

Businesses must strive to design their own wooden products with unique and diverse designs suitable for many customers instead of just processing to order with foreign designs.

Implement appropriate measures to combat origin fraud in the processing and consumption of seafood and forest products, reducing the risk of being investigated for commercial measures, origin fraud and illegal transshipment. France.

Promote the development of wood materials with sustainable forest management certification, creating favorable conditions for tracing the legal origin of wood; Programs and projects on "Breeds", "Aquaculture Feed" and "Hormone HCG" are the key to increasing survival rates, development quality and reducing product costs...

Encourage businesses and private individuals to invest in infrastructure and equipment for logistics services for aquaculture at sea, new investments, upgrading of hatcheries, aquaculture farms, new investments, upgrades cold storages for storing and transshipping aquatic products.

Continue to strengthen propaganda, dissemination and guidance to afforestation households, associations and enterprises in the wood and forest product processing industry on market requirements, regulations on legal wood origin and standards. on wooden products and forest products of the importing country.

PROMOTION OF MECHANISM AND POLICIES ON FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Assigning specific tasks, the Prime Minister requested the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to preside over and coordinate with relevant agencies and localities to research and promote solutions to overcome the European Union's "yellow card" of IUU. ; Search and promote new markets for exporting Vietnamese agricultural products.

Develop, complete and submit to the Government for promulgation a number of mechanisms and policies on forestry and fisheries, including fisheries development policies and regulations on the Vietnam Timber Legality Assurance System; Effectively implement legal regulations on management and traceability of forest and aquatic products.

The Ministry also continues to organize surveys and overall assessments of aquatic resources to serve as a basis for sustainable fisheries management and development; Pay attention and support to increase investment in fisheries infrastructure to meet the requirements of combating IUU fishing.

In particular, the Prime Minister noted that the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development should develop mechanisms and policies to promote public-private cooperation to mobilize social resources; Build a number of seed production models, professional and modern management models, investment promotion models, business support, planning and development of raw material areas suitable for each region; appropriate credit incentive policies; Promote digital transformation and encourage innovation in the field of forestry and fisheries products.

The Ministry of Finance presides over and coordinates with relevant ministries and branches to research policies, solve tax problems, and submit them to competent authorities for consideration and implementation of solutions on exemption, reduction, extension, and postponement. , extension of taxes, fees, charges, land rent, land use fees applicable to 2023.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade focuses on supporting brand development, investment promotion, and market expansion; Support businesses in lawsuits and commercial disputes.

The Ministry of Planning and Investment considers and prioritizes the allocation of medium-term capital so that ministries and local branches can effectively implement Decree No. 57/2018-ND-CP of the Government on mechanisms and policies to encourage businesses. investment in agriculture and rural areas.

Research and propose policies to support the development of concentrated wood and forest product processing industrial zones, develop logistics services, and high-tech application zones in forestry associated with the development of the wood and forest product processing industry.

The Ministry of Science and Technology presides over and coordinates investment in research and application of high technology in selecting, breeding, planting forests, caring for, exploiting, processing wood and forest products, selecting and creating varieties. Seafood; Review the system of national standards and technical regulations in the field of fisheries, forestry and wood and forest product processing to organize implementation to meet national requirements and international standards.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment researches land policies appropriate to the situation, favorable for businesses, and consistent with the trend of specialized farming, professionalism, and large production; Review and research to amend wastewater standards to suit the fisheries industry.

The State Bank of Vietnam, administers policies for banks to lend, provide capital, reduce costs, and reduce loan interest rates to support export businesses; Direct credit to production and business, priority areas - including fisheries.

Continue to implement the 2% interest rate support policy for businesses, cooperatives, and business households in the field of agriculture - forestry - fishery according to Decree No. 31/2022/ND-CP of the Government; Urgently research, propose to competent authorities and implement appropriate solutions on debt restructuring, interest rate exemption and reduction, debt extension...



The Prime Minister took souvenir photos with delegates attending the conference - Photo: VGP

BRAND BUILDING FOR 3 MAIN AQUATIC PRODUCTS

The Prime Minister requested the People's Committees of provinces and cities to organize regular and extraordinary dialogues with businesses to promptly remove difficulties; Organize timely and effective implementation of the State's guidelines and policies; Deploy preferential policies, support and encourage investment to quickly and sustainably develop the seafood processing industry, wood processing and forest products.

Have policies to develop and expand concentrated aquaculture and aquatic breed production areas, including extending agricultural land use rights when land use rights expire, and leasing land and water surface for aquaculture. aquaculture.

At the same time, strengthen environmental monitoring and warning, combining science and technology in effective disease prevention in aquaculture; Manage input materials and supplies well according to regulations. Build disease-free areas and facilities; Implement a national program to monitor antibiotic residues in aquaculture.

Organize propaganda for people and businesses not to exploit illegal, unreported, unregulated (IUU) fisheries, develop sustainable and environmentally friendly fisheries; Do not exploit young forests, carry out large timber business to protect the ecological environment and at the same time create a source of large diameter timber for production.

Urgently organize and effectively implement sustainable forest management associated with national sustainable forest management certification, enhance the position and brand of national forest certification to gradually meet the demand for wood materials. High quality and certified for processing wood and forest products for export.

The Association of Seafood Processing and Exporters presides and coordinates with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Industry and Trade and relevant ministries and branches to implement a branding project for 3 key products with Vietnam's competitive advantage is shrimp, pangasius and tuna. Promote digital transformation and apply scientific and technical advances to production.

Proactively source domestic raw materials through expanding investment in developing raw material areas; Leading the value chain between farmers, fishermen and businesses to ensure enough raw materials for processing, export and traceability, ensuring food safety.

Pay more attention to the lives of farmers and fishermen through signing and strictly implementing cooperation contracts and purchasing aquatic products for farmers; Avoid letting people produce but have no place to consume.

The Prime Minister requested to further improve the connection between businesses within the Association and other associations to strengthen common strength and build national brands of seafood; continue to exchange information, helping state management agencies grasp and have timely solutions; Coordinate with the Ministry of Industry and Trade to support businesses in trade lawsuits and promote the successful organization of international seafood export fairs.

The Association of Wood and Forest Products Processing continues to exchange information, helping state management agencies grasp and have timely solutions, remove difficulties, and create favorable conditions for production and export enterprises. wood and forest products. Coordinate with the Ministry of Industry and Trade to support businesses in trade lawsuits, promoting the successful organization of international wooden furniture export fairs.

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(Chinhphu.vn) - The Prime Minister requests to urgently submit solutions for exemption, reduction, extension, postponement, extension of taxes, fees, charges, land and water surface rent; Research and propose a credit package of VND 10,000 billion to support enterprises in the forestry and fishery production and processing industries.



Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh requested ministries, branches and localities to drastically implement solutions to remove difficulties and obstacles and promote production and export of forest and aquatic products.

The Government Office has just announced the conclusion of Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh at the Conference with the Timber and Forest Products Association and the Seafood Processing and Export Association to remove difficulties and promote production and export of forestry and aquatic products.

2022: Export of wood and forest products sets a new record; Seafood has made a remarkable breakthrough

The announcement stated: In 2022, under the leadership of the Party and Government, the participation of the entire political system, the support of businesses and people, our country's socio-economy has achieved its goals. spending in all areas; In the first 3 months of 2023, in an extremely difficult context, the macroeconomic situation continues to be stable, major balances are guaranteed, inflation is controlled, growth is promoted, and basic goals are achieved. proposed central goal.

The Prime Minister dir the development of mechanisms and polici to implement salary reform; Strongly prom growth drivers

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The entire industry's export turnover reached over 53.53 billion USD.

Of which, export turnover of wood and forest products reached 17.1 billion USD, setting a new record in export value, maintaining in the Top 10 items with the highest export value of Vietnam.

The seafood industry has also made great breakthroughs, Vietnamese seafood products have been exported to more than 170 countries and territories, and the seafood export value reached 11 billion USD for the first time.

However, by the end of 2022, especially the first 3 months of 2023, along with general difficulties of industries and fields, the export of wood products, forest products, and aquatic products all decreased significantly over the same period (export value Exports of wood and forestry products decreased by over 28%, seafood decreased by over 27%), especially in large, traditional markets, such as the US and EU; The number of orders decreased sharply.

Producing, processing and exporting forest and aquatic products has mixed opportunities, difficulties and challenges, but the challenges are more; Agricultural, forestry and fishery export markets are shrinking.

Forestry and fisheries account for 53.8% of the total export turnover of the agricultural sector

In the Announcement, the Prime Minister clearly stated that the goal is that the export turnover of the two fields of forestry and fisheries accounts for 53.8% of the total export turnover of the agricultural sector, to ensure the general growth target, increasing Head of the agricultural sector in particular, the goal of 2023 is that the export value of forestry products will reach 17.0 billion USD, and the export value of aquatic products will reach 10.0 billion USD.

The Government, ministries, branches, localities and associations need to make greater efforts and determination to realize the above goals in order to contribute to: (i) Building an independent, self-reliant economy, associated with deep, comprehensive, substantive and effective international integration; (ii) Stabilize the macro economy, control inflation, promote growth, and ensure major balances; (iii) Promote production and business, create jobs and create livelihoods for people, especially people in rural and remote areas; (iv) Effectively exploit different potentials, outstanding opportunities, and competitive advantages for the two fields of forestry and aquatic products; (v) Improve the spiritual and material lives of people, especially in remote areas.

At the same time, drastically remove difficulties and obstacles, especially in markets, institutions, taxes, and credit capital for the production, processing and export of forest and fishery products to promote production and business. , creating jobs and increasing income for millions of workers in the fisheries and forestry products sector.

Another goal is to develop effective and sustainable forest and aquatic product production, integrating multi-value in the direction of improving added value and competitiveness, associated with promoting the development of processing industry and conservation. post-harvest management and market development both domestically and internationally; ensure food safety and protect the ecological environment; Encourage the development of green, organic, and circular agriculture.

Strongly shift thinking from agricultural production to agricultural economic development linked to market needs. Promoting the advantages of regions, regions and localities, organizing production and business according to the value chain, based on the foundation of science - technology and innovation.

Forestry and aquatic products are one of the pillars of the economy and an advantage of Vietnam

The viewpoint is to improve the competitiveness, self-reliance, self-reliance and autonomy of businesses. Production, processing, and export of forestry and aquatic products play a very important role in the national economy, along with other commodity groups in the

The Ministry of Education and Training proposes that preschool children of universal learning (3 - 4 years old, 4 - 5 years old) universal preschool education establishments be supported a minimum lunch fee of 360, VND. VND/month/child (pilot provinces).

- Agree
- Need to increase more
- Another idea

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Ensuring harmony of interests between the state, people and businesses, the state creates a favorable environment for production and business, builds institutions, policy mechanisms, supervises and inspects, summarizes and draws conclusions. experience, reward, encouragement, and handling of violations; Enterprises organize and comply with the provisions of law and participate in social security.

Thoroughly grasp and closely follow the Party's policies and guidelines and the State's policies and laws on agricultural and rural development, direct and operate proactively, flexibly, creatively, promptly, effectively, and safely, ensure compliance with the situation and practical requirements; Prioritize promoting exports, while focusing on exploiting the domestic market.

Enterprises strictly comply with Vietnamese laws, comply with regulations, effectively implement multilateral and bilateral trade agreements, agreements and international commitments.

Promote the prevention of origin fraud, drastically remove the EC's IUU yellow card, proactively deploy trade defense measures in accordance with international commitments and Vietnam's laws, considering this as the key lock to protect domestic production, create conditions to expand and develop sustainable agricultural, forestry and fishery export markets.

Along with that is promoting the self-reliance, self-reliance, initiative and creativity of each enterprise and the role of associations. The Timber and Forest Products Association and the Association of Seafood Processing and Exporters play a very important role in gathering and connecting support for businesses in the industry to face new opportunities and challenges; is the common home of the business community, a bridge, protecting the legal rights of businesses and members; stand side by side with members; Support businesses to propose ideas to overcome difficulties and develop together.

Promote innovation in the forestry and fishery products industry, considering this as one of the breakthroughs to promote export growth and sustainable development.

The Prime Minister requested ministries, branches and localities, according to their state management functions and authority, to proactively and effectively coordinate closely with associations and businesses to drastically implement solutions to solve problems. difficulties and obstacles, promoting production and export of forest and aquatic products.

The general task and solution is to continue promoting production and business, creating jobs and livelihoods for people; Promote trade promotion, negotiation, expansion, market diversification, product diversification, supply chain diversification, saving production costs to increase competitiveness.

At the same time, sharply reduce administrative procedures, create a favorable investment environment for businesses, avoid causing harassment and trouble for people and businesses; digitize, handle administrative procedures and control and monitor business activities and collect taxes, fees and charges.

Continue to improve institutions to remove difficulties for businesses; Promote the implementation of three strategic breakthroughs: human resource training, institutions, infrastructure development, especially transportation infrastructure to reduce logistics and electricity costs to meet the requirements of people and businesses. .

Promote digital transformation and scientific and technological innovation, innovation in the forestry and fisheries industry, considering this as one of the breakthroughs to promote export growth and sustainable development; Enterprises proactively strive to design their own products with unique designs, improve quality and diversity, suitable for many customers instead of just processing according to orders with their own designs. foreign.

and emerging markets

The Prime Minister requested to focus on removing difficulties for businesses in implementing policies related to VAT refund; Support associations to effectively organize exhibitions on wooden furniture and seafood, promote trade promotion, especially in large markets and emerging markets, especially niche markets;

Strengthen inspection and control of law enforcement, ensure good implementation of traceability of aquatic and forestry products; Resolve difficulties for seafood businesses related to regulations on seafood processing wastewater and aquaculture pond wastewater.

At the same time, deploy appropriate measures to prevent origin fraud in the processing and consumption of seafood and forest products, reducing the risk of being investigated and applying trade measures, origin fraud and transfer. Illegal downloading.

Promote the development of wood materials with sustainable forest management certification, creating favorable conditions for tracing the legal origin of wood; Programs and projects on "Breeds", "Aquaculture feed" and "Hormone HCG" are the key to increasing survival rates, development quality and reducing product costs...

Encourage businesses to invest in infrastructure and logistics services for aquaculture at sea

Promote domestic consumption, continue to promote the movement "Vietnamese people prioritize using Vietnamese products".

Encourage businesses and private individuals to invest in infrastructure and equipment for logistics services for aquaculture at sea, new investments, upgrading of hatcheries, aquaculture farms, new investments, upgrades cold storages for storing and transshipping aquatic products; Promote public-private cooperation in production, processing and business in the field of forest products and fisheries.

Continue to strengthen propaganda, dissemination and guidance to afforestation households, associations and enterprises in the wood and forest product processing industry on market requirements, regulations on legal wood origin and standards. on wooden products and forest products of the importing country.

Drastically overcome the IUU "yellow card".

The Prime Minister requested the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to preside over and coordinate with relevant agencies and localities to drastically and effectively implement solutions to overcome the EC's "yellow card" of IUU, to seek and promoting new markets for Vietnamese agricultural product exports.

Continue to organize surveys and overall assessments of aquatic resources as a basis for sustainable fisheries management and development; Increase investment in fisheries infrastructure, meeting requirements to combat IUU fishing.

Develop and submit to the Government for promulgation a number of mechanisms and policies on forestry and fisheries, including fisheries development policies and regulations on the Vietnam Timber Legality Assurance System; Effectively implement legal regulations on management and traceability of forest and aquatic products.

Plan and develop appropriate production material areas to ensure production development, protect the green ecological environment, contribute to climate change prevention, green development, and sustainable development.

Proposing a public-private partnership mechanism in mobilizing resources, people, and society to invest in forestry and aquaculture infrastructure.

Pilot building a number of models on seed production, modern and professional management, branding, and investment promotion to support businesses; Build a mechanism according to authority to encourage innovation and startups in the forestry and fisheries industry.

extension, postponement, or extension of taxes, fees, charges, land and water surface rent

The Ministry of Finance urgently submits to competent authorities to consider and implement solutions on exemption, reduction, extension, postponement, extension of taxes, fees, charges, land rent, water surface rent, and land use fees imposed. applied for 2023 (including studying the recommendations of 02 Associations on reducing value added tax). Apply flexible, effective, and focused expansionary fiscal policies to support businesses.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade focuses on trade promotion and market expansion; continue to negotiate and sign trade agreements with potential partners; Fight to protect brands, import and export products in the international market when trade disputes occur.

Guide mechanisms and legal regulations to help people and businesses comply with the provisions of law, international commitments, and develop production and business smoothly; Direct and improve the effectiveness of coordination between diplomatic representative agencies, trade counselors and industry and business associations to support information on policies and markets in countries and markets. important and niche market.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs coordinates to organize connections between domestic and foreign markets, between domestic and foreign enterprises; provide market information; Timely provide information on changes to strategies, policies, and institutions of countries so that agencies and businesses can take appropriate adaptation measures.

Proposing policies to develop industrial parks for processing wood and forest products

The Ministry of Planning and Investment balances the medium-term capital plan to prioritize the implementation of infrastructure investment policies in accordance with legal regulations on public investment.

Research and propose policies to support the development of appropriate wood and forest product processing industrial parks; Developing logistics services, high technology, and innovation in the forestry and fisheries industry.

The Ministry of Science and Technology promotes research and application of science and technology; Review relevant national technical standards and regulations to ensure feasibility, meet practical requirements, and be consistent with international standards, especially geographical indications and branding for the field. production and processing of aquatic and forest products; Urgently propose a mechanism to use the Science and Technology Fund to serve scientific research and development of the agricultural sector, especially in the two fields of fisheries and forest products.

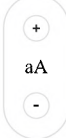
The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment researches land policies to ensure they are consistent with the actual situation and favorable for businesses to develop in the direction of specialized, professional, large-scale production, especially for small businesses. land plans; regulations on land allocation, forest allocation, water surface allocation, sea surface allocation...

At the same time, consider and research to amend regulations on seafood processing wastewater and aquaculture pond wastewater to suit the conditions and capacity of the fisheries industry and approach international regulations.

The Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs promotes prioritizing vocational training to meet the requirements of workers in the forestry and fishery production and processing industries, especially vocational skills training for workers.

The Ministry of Public Security and the Ministry of Construction continue to review regulations on fire prevention and fighting according to the direction of the Prime Minister in Official Dispatch No. 220/CD-TTg dated April 5, 2023 of the Prime Minister on removing difficulties and obstacles in fire prevention and fighting; ensuring compliance with Vietnam's conditions but approaching international regulations, no sudden status changes, and no jerky policy administration; Further simplify administrative procedures related to fire prevention and fighting, without causing waste for businesses and society.

10,000 billion VND to support forestry and fisheries enterprises



The State Bank of Vietnam operates credit proactively, effectively, and appropriately to provide credit capital; Continue to have solutions to reduce loan interest rates to support businesses, especially export businesses.

Directing credit to production and business, priority areas - including fisheries and forestry products; Create favorable conditions for enterprises producing and processing seafood, wood and forest products to access credit capital to serve production and business, creating opportunities to promote livelihoods for farmers and fishermen.

Continue to implement support policies and preferential policies; Research and propose a credit package of VND 10,000 billion to support enterprises in the forestry and fishery production and processing industries in May 2023.

People's Committees of provinces and centrally run cities are more active, proactive, flexible and creative in directing and operating; Strengthen environmental monitoring and warning, combine science and technology in effective disease prevention in aquaculture; Manage input materials and supplies well according to regulations. Build disease-free areas and facilities; Implement a national program to monitor antibiotic residues in aquaculture.

Urgently organize and effectively implement sustainable forest management associated with national sustainable forest management certification, enhance the position and brand of national forest certification to gradually meet the demand for wood materials. of quality, with certificates for processing wood and forest products for export and issuing carbon certificates.

Associations chair and coordinate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Industry and Trade and relevant ministries and branches to implement branding projects for three key products with competitive advantages in Vietnam. are shrimp, pangasius, tuna and other important products; promoting digital transformation, applying scientific and technological advances to production and business to reduce production costs, improve competitiveness and protect the environment.

Improve the connection between businesses within the Association and other Associations.

Continue to exchange information, help state management agencies grasp and have timely solutions, remove difficulties, and create favorable conditions for enterprises producing and exporting seafood and forest products; Coordinate with the Ministry of Industry and Trade to support businesses when trade disputes arise, promoting the successful organization of the International Seafood Export Fair and the International Wooden Furniture Export Fair.

Associations are an important and effective bridge between the state, people and businesses for the purpose of industry development and building an independent and self-reliant economy associated with deep, comprehensive and practical international integration. quality, efficiency./.

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