



LIST OF PROHIBITED PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS ACCORDING TO VFCS/PEFC STANDARDS

Introduction

Indicator 5.3.1 of the VFCS/PEFC ST 1003:2019 Sustainable Forest Management Standard stipulates: **“Only chemicals with active ingredients permitted under Vietnamese legislation and international conventions shall be used.”** In accordance with Vietnamese law, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (currently the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment) annually issues a circular that provides both the List of Plant Protection Products (PPPs) Permitted for Use and the List of Prohibited PPPs in Vietnam. Furthermore, Indicator 1.4 of the VFCS/PEFC ST 1003:2019 standard requires that: **“Forest owners shall comply with relevant international treaties to which Vietnam is a signatory,”** including the 2001 Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Additionally, substances classified as prohibited by the World Health Organization (WHO) must also be considered.

To facilitate access to information regarding banned PPPs and chemicals in Vietnam, the Vietnam Forest Certification Office (VFCO) has compiled this “List of Prohibited Plant Protection Products and Chemicals”, based on Vietnamese regulations, the Stockholm Convention, and WHO classifications. This list is applicable under the VFCS/PEFC forest certification framework and is subject to periodic updates. Forest owners are responsible for monitoring and ensuring compliance with the most current regulations. Beyond this official list, VFCO encourages forest owners to refrain from using any PPPs or chemicals prohibited under other international conventions, agreements, or by relevant organizations.

References

1. Circular No. 25/2024/TT-BNNPTNT dated December 16, 2024, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: Promulgating the List of Plant Protection Products Permitted for Use in Vietnam and the List of Plant Protection Products Prohibited in Vietnam.

<https://vanban.chinhphu.vn/?pageid=27160&docid=212093&classid=1&orggroupid=4>

2. Circular No. 10/2020/TT-BNNPTNT dated September 9, 2020, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: Promulgating the List of Plant Protection Products Permitted and Prohibited for Use in Vietnam.

<https://vbpl.vn/bonongnghiep/Pages/vbpq-toanvan.aspx?ItemID=143963>



3. The WHO Recommended Classification of Pesticides by Hazard and Guidelines to Classification, 2019.

<https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/332193/9789240005662-eng.pdf?sequence=1>

4. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

<https://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/ThePOPs/ChemicalsProposedforListing/tabid/2510/Default.aspx>



List of Prohibited Plant Protection Products and Chemicals

(Applicable to forest owners implementing sustainable forest management
under the national forest certification system VFCS/PEFC)

Updated on March 6, 2025

TT	Name of Pesticide/Chemical	Prohibited according to:				
		Circular No. 25/2024	Circular No. 10/2020	WHO Ia*	WHO Ib**	Stockholm Convention
A	Plant Protection Products Prohibited under Vietnamese Law					
I	Insecticides and Wood Preservatives					
1	Aldrin	x				x
2	Acephate		x			
3	BHC, Lindane	x				x
4	Cadmium compound (Cd)	x				
5	Chlorpyrifos ethyl		x			
6	Carbofuran	x			x	
7	Chlordane	x				x
8	Chlordimeform	x				
9	DDT	x				
10	Dieldrin	x				x
11	Endosulfan	x				
12	Endrin	x				x
13	Heptachlor	x				x
14	Isobenzan	x				
15	Isodrin	x				

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16	Lead (Pb)	x				
17	Methamidophos	x			x	
18	Methyl Parathion	x		x		
19	Monocrotophos	x			x	
20	Parathion Ethyl	x				
21	Sodium Pentachlorophenate monohydrat	x				
22	Pentachlorophenol	x		x	x	
23	Phosphamidon	x				
24	Polychlorocamphene	x				
25	Trichlorfon (Chlorophos)	x				
II	Fungicides					
26	Arsenic (As)	x				
27	Captan	x				
28	Captafol	x		x		
29	Hexachlorobenzene	x		x		x
30	Mercury (Hg)	x				
31	Selenium (Se)	x				
III	Rodenticide					
32	Talium compound	x				
IV	Herbicide					



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33	2,4,5-T	X				
B	List of banned pesticides according to international treaties and regulations					
34	Aldicarb			X		
35	Brodifacoum			X		
36	Bromadiolone			X		
37	Bromethalin			X		
38	Calcium cyanide			X		
39	Chlorethoxyfos			X		
40	Chlormephos			X		
41	Chlorophacinone			X		
42	Difenacoum			X		
43	Difethialone			X		
44	Disulfoton			X		
45	Difethialone			X		
46	EPN			X		
47	Ethoprophos			X		
48	Flocoumafen			X		
49	Mercuric chloride			X		
50	Mevinphos			X		
51	Oxamyl			X		

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52	Parathion			X		
53	Phenylmercury acetate			X		
54	Phorate			X		
55	Sodium fluoroacetate			X		
56	Sulfotep			X		
57	Tebupirimfos			X		
58	Terbufos			X		
59	Abamectin				X	
60	Acrolein				X	
61	Allyl alcohol				X	
62	Azinphos-ethyl				X	
63	Azinphos-methyl				X	
64	Blasticidin-S				X	
65	Bromophos-ethyl				X	
66	Butocarboxim				X	
67	Butoxycarboxim				X	
68	Cadusafos				X	
69	Calcium arsenate				X	
70	Chlorfenvinphos				X	
71	3-Chloro-1,2-propanediol				X	

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72	Coumaphos				X	
73	Coumatetralyl				X	
74	Cyfluthrin				X	
75	Beta-cyfluthrin				X	
76	Demeton-S-methyl				X	
77	Dichlorvos				X	
78	Dicrotophos				X	
79	Dinoterb				X	
80	DNOC				X	
81	Edifenphos				X	
82	Ethiofencarb				X	
83	Famphur				X	
84	Fenamiphos				X	
85	Flucythrinate				X	
86	Fluoroacetamide				X	
87	Formetanate				X	
88	Furathiocarb				X	
89	Heptenophos				X	
90	Isoxathion				X	
91	Lead arsenate				X	

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92	Mecarbam				X	
93	Mercuric oxide				X	
94	Methidathion				X	
95	Methiocarb				X	
96	Methomyl				X	
97	Nicotine				X	
98	Omethoate				X	
99	Oxydemeton-methyl				X	
100	Paris green				X	
101	Propetamphos				X	
102	Sodium arsenite				X	
103	Sodium cyanide				X	
104	Strychnine				X	
105	Tefluthrin				X	
106	Thallium sulfate				X	
107	Thiofanox				X	
108	Thiometon				X	
109	Triazophos				X	
110	Vamidothion				X	
111	Warfarin				X	



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112	Zinc phosphide				X	
113	Chlordecone					X
114	Decabromodiphenyl ether					X
115	Dechlorane Plus					X
116	Dicofol					X
117	Hexabromobiphenyl					X
118	Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)					X
119	Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether					X
120	Hexachlorobutadiene					X
121	Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane					X
122	Beta hexachlorocyclohexane					X
123	Methoxychlor					X
124	Mirex					X
125	Pentachlorobenzene					X
126	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)					X
127	Polychlorinated naphthalenes					X
128	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds					X
129	Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds					X



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130	Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs)				X	
131	Technical endosulfan and its related isomers				X	
132	Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether					X
133	Toxaphene					X
134	UV-328					X

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