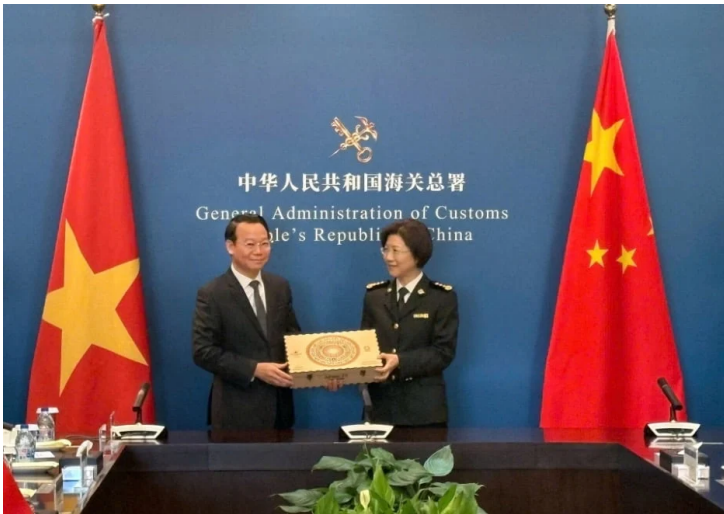


Vietnam's GACC aims to enhance agricultural export convenience to China

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Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC), Minister Do Duc Duy stated: "Vietnam and China have agreed to boost customs clearance efficiency and enhance quality control at border gates. Both sides are also prepared to extend clearance hours to help ease congestion."

Sun Mai Jun confirmed that the two countries have reached a broad consensus across many areas of trade. "To support the influx of Vietnamese agricultural products during the peak harvest season, we've instructed border officials to increase working hours and inspection staff. These steps aim to create the best possible conditions for Vietnamese goods to enter the Chinese market," she said.

So far, the two countries have signed 28 memorandums and protocols covering the trade of agricultural, forestry, and fishery products, highlighting their strong and ongoing cooperation. A wide range of Vietnamese products is now exported to China, including 15 types of fruits and vegetables (such as watermelon, mangosteen, grass jelly, durian, fresh banana, sweet potato, chili, passion fruit, dragon fruit, rambutan, mango, lychee, longan, and jackfruit), as well as crocodiles, farmed monkeys, bird's nests, fish meal, and various raw materials for animal feed, dairy products, and seafood.

Minister Do Duc Duy welcomed the GACC's recent decision to update and approve an additional 829 plantation area codes and 131 packing facility codes for Vietnamese durians exported to China. He noted that this reflects the effective coordination between the two sides and serves as strong encouragement for Vietnamese farmers and businesses.

“We share China’s concerns regarding food safety indicators, especially Cadmium and Auramine O dye. Immediately after receiving the warning, Vietnam investigated the cause and implemented synchronous control and remedial solutions throughout the production - processing - export chain. The results have been compiled into a report and sent to the GACC to update progress and demonstrate Vietnam’s control capacity,” Minister Do Duc Duy informed.

To continue to facilitate durian exports in 2025 and the following years, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment proposes a number of specific cooperation contents:

Firstly, it is recommended that the General Department promptly consider adjusting food safety control measures for Vietnamese durian in a more favorable direction.

Second, facilitate quick customs clearance for durian, especially during peak harvest season.

Third, the GACC is requested to continue considering and approving additional testing laboratories with sufficient capacity to analyze Cadmium and Auramine O indicators, thereby facilitating quality testing activities before export.

Vietnam will strive to strengthen measures to control durian quality throughout the entire supply chain, from production to processing and export, and is ready to closely coordinate with the GACC to address any arising situations related to food quality and safety.