



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
PLANT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

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To: **Mr. Konstantin A. Savenkov**  
Deputy Head  
Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance  
Russian Federation

**Subject: Plant quarantine pest *Cirsium arvense* intercepted in Russian consignment**

Dear Mr. Konstantin A. Savenkov,

Greetings from the Plant Protection Department of Vietnam.

We have informed you for several times on the repeated interceptions of the plant quarantine pest of Vietnam (*Cirsium arvense*). However, the situation becomes more serious recently.

Therefore, in order to prevent effectively introduction of plant quarantine pests into Vietnam, we would like to inform you that from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018, all consignment that found to be contaminated with *Cirsium arvense* shall not be allowed to import into Vietnam and the higher measure (suspension of import) may be applied if the interception to be found after that time.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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