

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF
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*Re: handling of violations against regulations
on barcodes for exports*

To: Customs Departments of provinces and cities.

Recently, a number of enterprises have printed foreign barcodes on products produced, processed, packaged and/or divided in Vietnam without the written permission from the competent foreign authorities or the owners of such barcodes, which violates regulations on use of barcodes. General Department of Vietnam Customs requests Customs Departments of provinces and cities to direct their affiliated customs branches to perform the following tasks in a consistent manner:

Pursuant to Point a, Clause 3 Article 32 of Decree No. 119/2017 / ND-CP dated November 1, 2017, on penalties for administrative violations in the field of standards, measurement and product and goods quality.

Pursuant to Clause 2, Article 19b of Decree No. 74/2018 / ND-CP dated May 15, 2018 of the Government amending and supplementing a number of articles of Decree No. 132/2008 / ND-CP dated 31/2018 12/2008 details the implementation of a number of articles of the Law on product and goods quality.

Pursuant to Clause 4 Article 1 of Circular 39/2018 / TT-BTC dated 20/4/2018 amending and supplementing a number of articles of Circular 38/2015 / TT-BTC dated March 25, 2015 of the Ministry Minister of Finance provides regulations on customs procedures; Customs inspection and supervision; import and export duties and tax administration for imported and exported goods.

When inspecting, supervising or other professional activities on exported goods, in case the customs officer detects signs of violation in the use of foreign codes and barcodes according to standards of organization of GS1 International codes and barcodes, physically examining goods and requesting enterprises to present the authorization of use of foreign code and bar code

owners or foreign competent agencies for check. Based on the inspection results, if determining that an enterprise violates the regulations on using codes and barcodes according to Clause 2, Article 19b of Decree No. 74/2018 / ND-CP of May 15, 2018, amending and supplementing a number of articles of the Government's Decree 132/2008 / ND-CP of December 31, 2008, detailing a number of articles of the Law on Product and Goods Quality, shall be handled according to Point a, Clause 3, Article 32 of Decree 119 / 2017 / ND-CP dated November 1, 2017, stipulating sanctions against administrative violations in the field of standards, measurement and product and goods quality in accordance with the law.

The General Department of Customs informs the units to know and implement./.

Recipients:

- *As above;*
- *Nguyen Van Can Corporation (for report);*
- *Department of GSQL;*
- *Department of Economic Planning;*
- *Department of Inspection and Inspection;*
- *Filing: VT, ĐTCBL.*

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