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According to the Vietnam Sanitary and Phytosanitary Notification Authority and Enquiry Point (SPS Vietnam) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), in the last two years, Vietnamese firms have received 3,013 codes in line with the regulations on farming region supervision and origin tracking of farm produce under Orders 248 and 249 of China.

Ngo Xuan Nam, deputy director of SPS Vietnam, said Vietnamese firms are now paying more attention to registering to export to the Chinese market at a meeting to review SPS Vietnam's performance in 2023.

Le Thanh Hoa, Director of the SPS Vietnam, said that in 2024, relevant authorities will continue to update draft notices on food safety measures and animal and plant disease safety. and warnings from trade partners and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) members and inform relevant units. The office will also coordinate with units to respond to comments on Vietnamâ??s draft notices of SPS measures notified to the WTO. It will coordinate with units of the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in continuing to negotiate the SPS chapter of the EU-Vietnam

Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and the Vietnam - United Arab Emirates FTA, and to upgrade the ASEAN - China FTA, the ASEAN - Canada FTA, and the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement.

In 2023, the office received and handled 1,164 notices on SPS-related regulation drafts and changes proposed by WTO members. It said the higher number of notices shows that the world market is paying more attention to quality, hygiene, and food safety, and demanding more on these issues as well as factors related to green growth.