

Vietnam Proposes Amendments of Several Products' Procedural Requirements

Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade has notified World Trade Organisation (WTO) of the proposed updates to several existing National Technical Regulations. The revisions focus on three product groups and contents:

Product Groups	Proposed Updates on
Textiles and garments	Formaldehyde, aromatic amines from azo dyes
Fluorescent lamps	Mercury
Paints	Lead

Scope of the Proposed Amendments

The draft introduces **Amendment 1:2026** to the following Vietnamese national technical regulations:

QCVN 01:2017/BCT	Limits for formaldehyde content and aromatic amines derived from azo dyes in textile and garment products
QCVN 02A:2020/BCT	Mercury content in fluorescent lamps
QCVN 08:2020/BCT	Limits for lead content in paint

These amendments do **not** change the underlying limit values or technical requirements. Instead, they update the **conformity assessment and registration procedures**, so they align with the new framework established under Circular No. 14/2026/TT-BKHCHN "Regulations on declaration of conformity to standards, declaration of compliance with technical regulations, and methods for assessing conformity with standards and technical regulations."



Key Procedural Updates

Procedure	Requirements in Circular No. 14/2026/TT-BKHCHN
Use of the conformity mark	Application of the conformity mark must follow Clause 2, Article 4
Import procedure	Products falling under these regulations must undergo conformity assessment using Module 7, as defined in Appendix II
Domestic manufacturing	Locally produced goods must follow their respective requirements for conformity assessment , also specified in Appendix II
Declaration registration process	Producers, importers, and traders of products under control must register their Declarations of Conformity through the National Database on Standards, Metrology and Quality. If the database is unavailable due to technical limitations (e.g. the database does not meet technical infrastructure requirements, or other problems), registration may be completed via direct submission or postal services, consistent with Article 13

Expected Effective Date

Once finalised, the proposed change is anticipated to take effect on **01 July 2026**.

Reference

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/VNM/26_02842_02_x.pdf

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