



**DRAFT CIRCULAR ON**  
**Regulating a system of statistical indicators and statistical reporting in the forestry sector**

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## 1. Legal basis

- **Law on statistics:** Ministries, ministerial-level agencies are responsible for:
  - State management on statistics in the assigned areas (Clause 3, Article 7);
  - Establishing and managing ministerial-level statistical information system (Clause 3, Article 14).
  - Issuing system of ministerial-level statistical indicators in the assigned areas (Clause 4, Article 19);
  - Promulgating ministerial-level statistical reporting regulation (Clause 3, Article 42);
  - Conducting statistical activities in the ministries, branches within their duties and authorities (Clause 2, Article 63).

### 1. Legal basis (cont.)

- **Article 10, Decree No. 94/2016/NĐ-CP** guiding the implementation of a number of Articles of the Law on Statistics:
  - *“a) Ministers, heads of ministerial-level agencies shall formulate and promulgate systems of statistical indicators of their respective ministries, branches and sectors; guide, monitor and report on the implementation of these systems.”*
- Decision No. 27/2018/QĐ-TTg dated 06/07/2018 of the Prime Minister issuing system of Viet Nam’s standard industrial classification, in which forestry sector and relevant service activities are under division No. 02.

### 1. Legal basis (cont.)

- Decision No. 43/2018/QĐ-TTg dated 01/01/2018 of the Prime Minister on system of Vietnamese products, including regulations on forest products and relevant services.
- In accordance with system of statistical indicators at provincial, district and communal levels as promulgated at the Decision No. 54/2016/QĐ-TTg dated 19/12/2016 of the Prime Minister, the forestry sector has the following indicators:
  - Area of new concentrated plantation forest;
  - Volume of timber and non-timber forest products.

### 2. Practice

- Regulations and implementation of regulations on statistics: Decision No. 3201/QĐ-BNN-KH dated 26/11/2010 of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;
  - Decision No. 241/QĐ-BNN-TCLN dated 05/2/2013 on reporting regulation for implementation of forestry plans.
  - Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and General Office of Statistics signed a regulation on coordination in statistical activities and sharing statistical information (on 18/11/2016).
  - Administration of Forestry and General Office of Statistics signed a memorandum to cooperate in information exchange in order to increase the effectiveness of the forestry statistics; development of forestry statistical manual.
- ⇒ *The forestry statistics have partly met requirements of sectoral forecast, sectoral development strategies and plans; direction and instruction in the forestry sector.*

### **3. Limitation and weakness**

#### **3.1. Limitation**

- The statistical contents have not closely followed new regulations of the Law on Statistics;
- The reported data has been inconsistent between central and local levels, between departments in the sector; the reliability of data has not yet been verified and stucked to reality.
- The focal point for summarizing and reporting at local level is not clear.
- Statistical data and summary reports have not fully reflected the production status of the forestry sector.

### 3. Limitation and weakness (cont.)

#### 3.2. Weakness

- a) Some definitions are inconsistent or no longer suitable with the reality of forestry production. For example: definition of timber and timber products, firewood; area of new concentrated plantation forests.
- b) For products that are cultivated on forest land whose data is not calculated in the forestry production value: rubber wood, industrial plants, agricultural plants; grazing on forest land, ... (*are these products considered as non-timber forest products?*)
- c) Forest environmental services are not calculated in the forestry production value: these are 7-digit products (0240090 – other forestry services, including timber logging services; transportation of timber and forest products; forest environmental services...).
- d) The attachment of statistical work to traceability of origin of legal timber: Localities have not yet considered the importance of timber origin traceability



## II. OBJECTIVES, VIEWPOINTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CIRCULAR PREPARATION

### 1. Objectives

The Circular on statistics in the forestry sector is prepared to meet requirements on:

- Fully reflecting the status of forestry production
- Directing, instructing and preparing the sectoral development strategy and plan

### 2. Viewpoints

- Concretize the provisions of the Law on Statistics and legal documents guiding the Law implementation:
- Inherit contents as specified in the Decision No. 3201/QĐ-BNN-KH dated 26/11/2010; Decision No. 241/QĐ-BNN-TCLN dated 05/2/2013 on the basis of reviewing, evaluating and amending to meet actual requirements.
- Attach to existing legal regulation, in accordance with actual situation.

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### 3. Principles

- In accordance with the Law on Statistics
- Ensuring principles as specified in Article 5 of the Law on Statistics, including: honesty, objectivity, accuracy, adequacy, timeliness; independence in statistical knowledge and competence; uniformity in professional knowledge and competence; public disclosure, transparency; comparability.
- In accordance with new statistical regulations and actual situation of the forestry sector, including:
  - In accordance with the industry code as specified in the system of Viet Nam's standard industrial classification; system of Vietnamese products;
  - Reflecting the situation of the forestry production;
  - Ensuring the consistency between collected statistical indicators; between ministries and branches at all levels.
  - Ensuring the feasibility in the collection and implementation process.

### III. CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR

1. Name of the Circular: “*Circular regulating a system of statistical indicators and statistical reporting in the forestry sector*”.
2. **The Circular includes:** 3 Chapters, 8 Articles, 3 Annexes with 24 forms for 2 reporting levels (provincial and district levels).

### III. CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR (2)

#### 2. Basic contents of the Circular:

- Chapter I- General provisions, including 2 Articles about scope of adjustment and subject of application.
- Chapter II- Specific provisions, including 4 Articles, from Article 3 to Article 6, regulating: system of forestry statistical indicator; and contents of forestry statistical report for provincial and district levels.
- Chapter III- Implementation arrangements, including 2 Articles on implementation arrangements and effect.
- 04 Annexes about: i) List of forestry statistical indicators; ii) Contents of forestry statistical indicators; iii) Forestry statistical reporting forms; iv) Table for growing stock of plantation timber.

### III. CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR (3)

#### 2.1. System of statistical indicators

No.	Code	Name of indicator	National level	Ministerial level
<b>01. Forest development</b>				
	0101	Area of new concentrated plantation forests	✓	
	0102	Area of tended plantation forests		✓
	0103	Area of forests zoned for regeneration		✓
	0104	Scattered forest trees		✓
	0105	Forestry seedlings		✓
<b>02. Forest utilization</b>				
	0201	Volume of harvested timber	✓	
	0202	Quantity of NTFP	✓	
<b>03. Forest protection</b>				
	0301	Area of existing forests	✓	
	0302	Area of protected forests	✓	
<b>04. Forest cover</b>				
	0401	Forest cover	✓	
<b>05. Forest environmental services (FES)</b>				
	0501	Money collected from FES		✓
	0502	Money paid to forest owners providing FES		✓
	0503	Area of forests benefited from FES money		✓

## II. CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR (4)

### 2.2. System of provincial-level statistical tables

No.	No. of table	Name of table
1	No. 01T	Forested area and un-forested area by using purposes
2	No. 02T	Forested area and un-forested area by forest owners and management entities
3	No. 03T	Forest cover
4	No. 04T	Forest changes and un-forested area by reasons
5	No. 05T/TR	Area of new concentrated plantation forests
6	No. 06T/CG	Number of forestry seedlings
7	No. 07T/CPT	Number of scattered forest trees
8	No. 08T/CSR	Area of tended plantation forests
9	No. 09T/KNTS	Area of forests zoned for regeneration
10	No. 10T/KBVR	Area of forests contracted for protection
11	Mo. 11T/KBVR	Area of forests contracted for protection by economic types
12	No. 12T/KTG	Volume of harvested timber
13	No. 13T/LSNG	Quantity of NTFP harvesting
14	No. 14T/DVMTR	Results of FES payment

### III. CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR (4)

#### 2.3. System of district-level statistical tables

No.	No. of table	Name of table
1	No. 01H	Forested area and un-forested area by using purposes
2	No. 02H	Forested area and un-forested area by forest owners and management entities
3	No. 03H	Forest cover
4	No. 04H	Forest changes and un-forested area by reasons
5	No. 05H/PTR	Area of concentrated plantation forests and tended plantation forests
6	No. 06H/PTR	Number of forestry seedlings, scattered trees and area of forests zoned for regeneration
7	No. 07H/KBVR	Area of forests contracted for protection
8	No. 08H/KBVR	Area of forests contracted for protection by economic types
9	No. 09H/KTG	Volume of harvested timber
10	No. 10H/LSNG	NTFP harvesting and collection

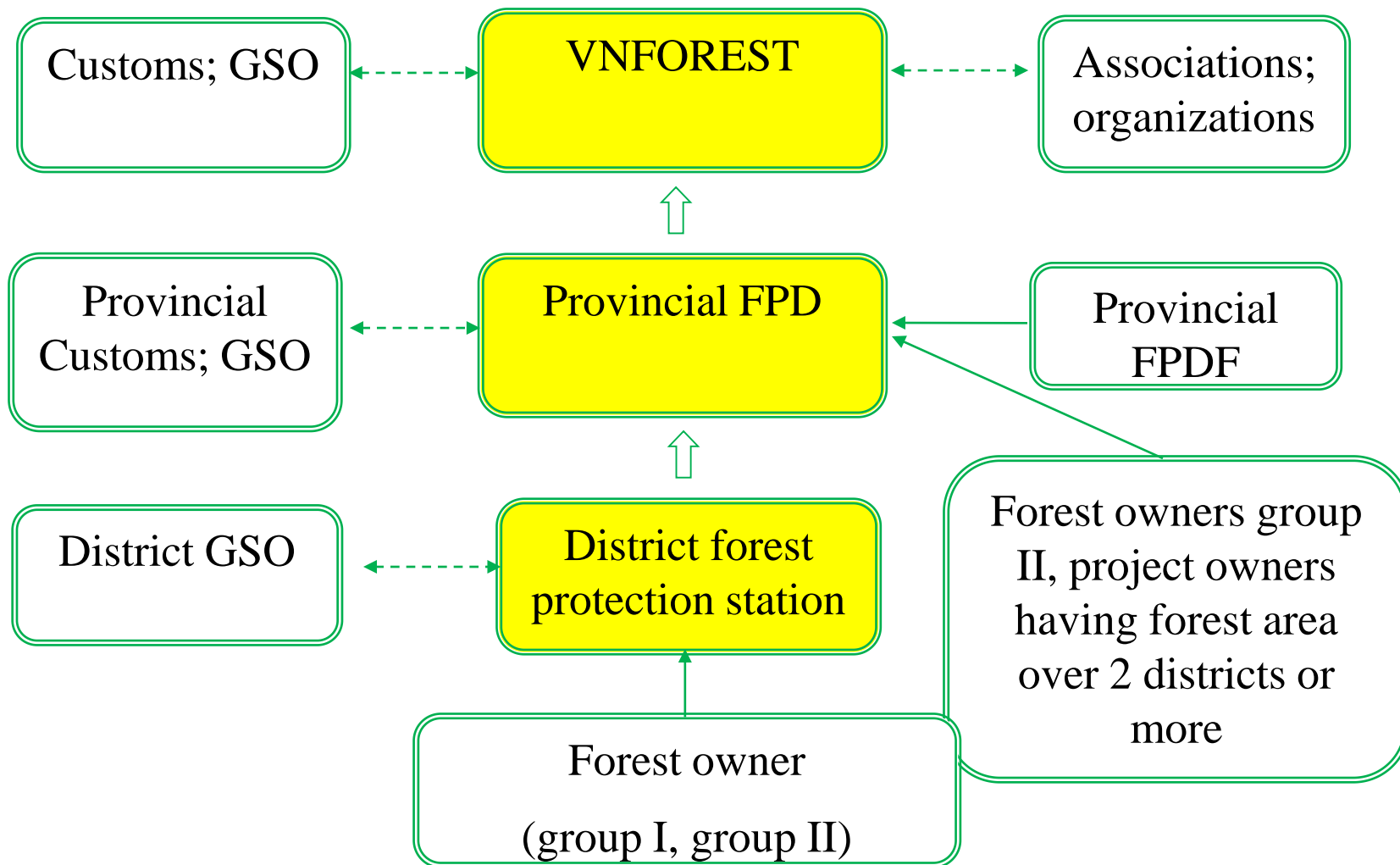
#### 2.4. Reporting regulation

- a) Content: Regulating provincial-level and district-level reporting requirements (reporting forms are specified at Annex 3), including regulations on:
- Reporting form;
  - Method of preparing report
- b) Basis
- Provisions of the Decree No. 60/2018/NĐ-CP of the Government on national-level statistical reporting regulation;
  - Detailed provisions of the Law on Statistics;
  - Information requirements for the purpose of sectoral direction and management



### III. CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR (4)

#### 2.5. Implementation arrangements



## IV. MAIN POINTS FOR CONSULTATION

1. FES: should be a separate indicator?
2. Forestry seedlings: should be an indicator?
3. Volume of harvested timber:
  - Divided into timber products and firewood, without difference between round timber and sawn timber;
  - Distinguished by using purpose, regardless of size, product type, timber group.
5. Source of data on timber harvesting: Circular No. 27/2018/TT-BNN does not require the submission of packing lists => to obtain data, it is necessary to formulate a form at provincial/district level, which:
  - Estimates the harvesting area.
  - Develops a lookup table on growing stock of plantation timber (Annex 4).



**THANK YOU!**

