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Committee on Import Licensing

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**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

The following notification, dated 23 January 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic.

<p><b>1. (a) Title / number / date of the law or regulation establishing / changing the import licensing procedure:</b></p> <p>Decree on Import Licensing Procedures No. 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009.</p> <p><b>(b) If the notified measure refers to a change in an already notified import licensing procedure, please indicate the document symbol of the notification to which change(s) has(ve) been introduced. (In this case please also indicate in Section 3, below, the nature of the changes (i.e. inclusion or exclusion of some goods and a list thereof; contact point for information and/or administrative body(ies) for submission of applications, etc.):</b></p> <p>G/LIC/N/3/LAO/1</p>
<p><b>2. Information concerning the institution / change of import licensing procedure:</b></p> <p><b>(a) List of products subject to the licensing procedure (Exact name of the products and/or whenever possible HS code and indication of the exact HS Nomenclature (i.e. 1996; 2002 or 2007). Abbreviations should be avoided. <u>In the case of a long list of products, please attach the list as an Annex in Microsoft Word or compatible software. Please do not use PDF, or photocopies.</u>)</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Industry and Commerce issued the Notification on goods subject to automatic and non automatic import or export licensing, Notification No.0076/MOIC.DIMEX, dated 13 January 2012. Please also see Annex A and Annex B of Notification for goods subject to authomatic and non automatic import licensing and export licensing in the following links below</p> <p>Annex A: <a href="http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la/index.php?r=site/display&amp;id=76">http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la/index.php?r=site/display&amp;id=76</a></p> <p>Annex B: <a href="http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la/index.php?r=site/display&amp;id=75">http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la/index.php?r=site/display&amp;id=75</a></p>
<p><b>(b) Contact point for information on eligibility</b></p> <p>Department of Import and Export, Ministry of Industry and Commerce Address: Phonexay Road, Saysettha District, P.O. Box: 4107, Vientiane, Lao PDR. Telephone: (+856-21-454224 ) Fax: (+856-21-454224) E-mail address: <a href="mailto:enquiries@laotradeportal.gov.la">enquiries@laotradeportal.gov.la</a> Website: <a href="http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la">www.laotradeportal.gov.la</a> Contact officer: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] Mr. [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Mrs. Name: Vangchai VANG</p>

**(c) Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications** *(If more than one please include the same information for each body.)*

1. For vehicles, petroluem and gas, timber  
Department of Import and Export, Ministry of Industry and Commerce  
Address: Phonexay Road, Saysettha District, P.O. Box: 4107, Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Telephone: (+856-21-454224 )

Fax: (+856-21-454224)

E-mail address: [enquiries@laotradeportal.gov.la](mailto:enquiries@laotradeportal.gov.la)

Website: [www.laotradeportal.gov.la](http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la)

Contact officer:  Mr.  Mrs. Name: Vangchai VANG

2. Rice, Steel bars, Cement

Administration body for submission of application:

Provincial Department of Industry and Commerce

For contact information, please refer to the information on contact point for information on eligibility

3. Printing products

Administration body for submission of application:

Provincial Department of Information, Culture, and Tourism

For contact point, please refer to the below information:

Department of Publication, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism

Address: Lane Xang Avenue, P.O.Box: 3556, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Telephone: (+856-21 212251)

Fax: (+856-21 212769)

4. Mineral and Mineral Products

Department of Mining, Ministry of Energy and Mines

Address: Saysettha District, P.O. Box: 4708, Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Telephone: (+856-21-415123)

Fax: (+856-21-413015)

5. For timber exploitation machines, logging machines, chain saw including parts and equipements thereof

Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Address: Chao Anou Road, Chanthabouly District, P.O. Box: 10124, Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Telephone: (+856-21-215000)

Fax: (+856-21-217483)

6. Guns and bullets for training and sportive purposes

Permanent Secretary office, Ministry of Public Security

Address: Chanthabouly District, Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Telephone: (+856-21-970089)

Fax: (+856-21-970580)

7. For Explosive used in industries

Department of National Defense Industry, Ministry of National Defense

Address: Phonkheng Road, Saisettha District, P.O. Box: , Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Telephone: (+856-21-911035)

Fax: (+856-21-710874)

8. For gold bars as internationally recognized as medium of payment

Department of Monetary Policy, Bank of Lao PDR

Address: Chanthabouly District, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Telephone: (+856-21-264590)

Fax: (+856-21-263019)

Website: [www.bol.gov.la](http://www.bol.gov.la)

	<p><b>(d) Date and name of publication where licensing procedures are published</b>  Date of publication: 13/01/2012  Source of publication (Official Gazette /journal/ website):  <a href="http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la">www.laotradeportal.gov.la</a></p> <p><b>(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is</b>  <b>[X] automatic.</b> If so please indicate: <b>(f) the administrative purpose:</b> For statistical and monitoring purpose. The licensing is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of imports.   <b>[X] non-automatic.</b> If so please indicate: <b>(g) the measure being implemented through the import licensing procedure: In the case of non-automatic licensing procedures, their administrative purpose :</b>  The non-automatic licensing regime is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of imports. The purposes of utilizing non-automatic import licensing procedures are necessary for national security; protection of human, animal or plant life or health; or protection of environment.</p>
	<p><b>(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided</b>  Referring to the Decree 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009, the expected duration of the licensing procedure shall be within a maximum of 10 working days from the date of submission the applications in the case of an automatic import licensing and in case of non-automatic import licensing expected duration shall be within 30 days on the first-come, first-served basis or not longer than 60 days on the simultaneously basis.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Other relevant data or information:</b> <i>(i.e. complete title and data concerning the legislation, inclusion or exclusion of certain products from the import licensing regime and list thereof; changes related to the administrative body(ies) for submission of applications, etc.).</i>  Decree on Import Licensing Procedures No. 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009.  The Administrative body for submission of application for importation of guns and bullets for sportive purpose changed from Department of Advisory Major, Ministry of National Defense to Permanent Secretary Office, Ministry of Public Security.</p>

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<sup>i</sup> "Members which institute licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Art. 5.1).