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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1.  | <b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>   |
| 2.  | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Department, Ministry of Health  |
| 3.  | <b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Food  |
| 4.  | <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners<br><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:   |
| 5.  | <b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposal to amend food law <b>Language(s):</b> English<br><b>Number of pages:</b> 23<br><a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/LAO/13_2140_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/LAO/13_2140_00_e.pdf</a>   |
| 6.  | <b>Description of content:</b> This Law defines principles, regulations and measures on the management, monitoring and inspection of food and food business to ensure quality, effectiveness, and safety aiming at protection consumers' health.   |
| 7.  | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.   |
| 8.  | <b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> )<br><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> )<br><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> )<br><input type="checkbox"/> None<br><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> |
| 9.  | <b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  |
| 10. | <b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Mid-July 2013<br><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not available  |

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| 11. | <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or <i>(dd/mm/yy)</i>: 180 days after the president of Lao PDR issues the promulgation Decree.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>  |
| 12. | <p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or <i>(dd/mm/yy)</i>: 30 June 2013</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Food and Drug Department, Ministry of Health<br/> Samsenthai Road, Ban Thatkhao, Sisattanak District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR<br/> Tel: +(856 21) 214 000<br/> Fax: +(856 21) 214 003<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:contact@moh.gov.la">contact@moh.gov.la</a></p> |
| 13. | <p><b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Foreign Trade Policy Department, Ministry of Industry and Commerce<br/> Phonxay Road, Ban Phonexay , Xaysettha District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR<br/> P.O.Box 4107<br/> Vientiane, Lao PDR<br/> Tel: +(856 21) 450 065<br/> Fax: +(856 21) 450 066<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps_tbt_notification@laoftpd.com">sps_tbt_notification@laoftpd.com</a><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.laoftpd.com">http://www.laoftpd.com</a></p>                              |