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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
Department of Agriculture

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### Notification

To: Heads of the Province and Vientiane Capital City Agricultural Office

Subject: The Phytosanitary Import Requirement of European Union Countries for Some Important Plant Commodities Imported from the Lao People's Democratic Republic

- Pursuant to the Plant Protection Law No 06/NA dated 09/12/2008
- Pursuant to the Decree of Prime Minister No 229/PM dated 31/05/2012 on the Implementation of Plant Protection Law
- Pursuant to EUROPEAN COUNCIL Directive 2000/29/EC Dated 08/05/2000

The Department of Agriculture has the great honour of notifying all relevant sectors taking into account that recently the export of vegetables from Lao to European Union (EU) countries have been affected by the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS), consignments were destroyed because the issuance of a phytosanitary certificate is not in compliance with the International Standard on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No 7 Export Certification System and ISPM No 12 Guideline on Phytosanitary Certificate which have been developed by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and phytosanitary import requirement of European country which has caused huge losses to those importers and to Lao exporter.

Therefore, In order to facilitate the export of plants and plant product commodities from Lao PDR and enhance the understanding of plant protection officials in the issuance of phytosanitary certificates for exported plant commodities in compliance with European import requirement, The Department of Agriculture provides the following guidelines:

1. The European Union countries that are mentioned in this notification includes: Austria (A), Belgium, Bulgaria\*, Cyprus\*(CY), Czech Republic\* (CZ), Denmark (DK), Estonia\*(ES), Finland (FI), France (F), Germany, Greece (EL), Hungary\*(HU), Ireland (IRL), Italy (I), Latvia\*(LV), Lithuania\*(LT), Luxembourg, Malta\*(M), Netherlands, Poland\*(PL), Portugal (including Azores) (P), Romania\*, Slovenia\* (SL), Spain (including Canary Islands) (E), Sweden (S), the Slovak Republic\*(SV), United Kingdom (Great Britain including Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands) (UK).

Remark: (\*) means countries which are new members of the European Union, it is recommended that exporters need to seek additional information on import requirement from those countries.

2. Plants which are intended to be exported to countries mentioned in article 1 of this notification shall be inspected and certified based on the guidance of the Department of Agriculture No 1077/MAF, dated 30/09/2010 and shall comply with the phytosanitary requirement of specific plant commodities as follows:

| No                   | Name of plants and Plant products  | The phytosanitary requirement of EU  |
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| <b>I. Vegetables</b> |  |  |
| 1                    | <p>1.1. Lao name: itou, kapao<br/>English name: Holy basil<br/>Scientific name: <i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i></p> <p>1.2. Lao name: Bualapa<br/>English name: Sweet basil<br/>Scientific name: <i>Ocimum basilicum</i></p> <p>1.3. Lao name: itou, kapao<br/>English name: Holy basil<br/>Scientific name: <i>Ocimum gratissimum</i></p> | <p>1. The plant must be free from pests as follows:<br/>(1) <i>Amauromyza maculosa</i> (Malloch)<br/>(2) <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> (Blanchard)<br/>(3) <i>Bemisia tabaci</i> Genn.</p> <p>2. Additional declaration must be stated in phytosanitary certificate that: Consignment complies with Annex IV.A.I, point 32.2 (b) and 45.2 (b) of EC Plant Health Directive 2000/29/EC</p> |
| 2                    | <p>Lao name: Celery<br/>English name: Celery<br/>Scientific name: <i>Apium graveolens</i></p>  | <p>1. The plant must be free from pests as follows:<br/>(1) <i>Amauromyza maculosa</i> (Malloch)<br/>(2) <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> (Blanchard)</p> <p>2. Additional declaration must be stated in phytosanitary certificate that: Consignment complies with Annex IV.A.I, point 32.2 (b) of EC Plant Health Directive 2000/29/EC</p>  |
| 3                    | <p>Lao name: homted (hompe)<br/>English name: Stinking<br/>Scientific name: <i>Eryngium foetidum</i></p>   | <p>1. The plant must be free from pests as follows:<br/><i>Bemisia tabaci</i> Genn.</p> <p>2. Additional declaration must be stated in phytosanitary certificate that: Consignment complies with Annex IV.A.I, point 45.2 (b) of EC Plant Health Directive 2000/29/EC</p>  |
| 4                    | <p>4.1. Lao name: Maksai, Makmara<br/>English name: Bitter melon<br/>Scientific name: <i>Momordica Charantia</i></p> <p>4.2. Lao name: Makkeau pom,<br/>Makkeau muang<br/>English name: Eggplant<br/>Scientific name: <i>Solanum melongena</i></p>   | <p>1. The plant must be free from pests as follows:<br/><i>Thrips palmi</i> Karny.</p> <p>2. Additional declaration must be stated in phytosanitary certificate that: Consignment complies with Annex IV.A.I, point 36.2 (b) of EC Plant Health Directive 2000/29/EC</p>   |

| <b>II. Ornamental plants/cut flowers/foliages</b> |  |   |
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| <b>1</b>  | <b>Plants in Family Orchidaceae such as orchid, honey orchid</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The plant must be free from pests as follows:<br/><i>Thrips palmi</i> Karny.</li> <li>2. Additional declaration must be stated in phytosanitary certificate that: Consignment complies with the Directive 2000/29/EC and Decision 98/109 (b);</li> </ol>  |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Plant in genera as follows:</b><br><b>2.1. <i>Dendranthema</i> spp.</b><br><b>2.2. <i>Dianthus</i> spp.</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The plant must be free from pests as follows:<br/>(3) <i>Amauromyza maculosa</i> (Malloch)<br/>(4) <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> (Blanchard)</li> <li>2. Additional declaration must be stated in phytosanitary certificate that: Consignment complies with Annex IV.A.I, point 32.2 (b) of EC Plant Health Directive 2000/29/EC</li> </ol>  |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Plant in genera as follows:</b><br><b>3.1. <i>Aster</i> spp.</b><br><b>3.2. <i>Eryngium</i> spp.</b><br><b>3.3. <i>Rosa</i> spp. e.g. rose</b><br><b>3.4. <i>Trachelium</i> spp.</b><br><b>3.5. <i>Hypericum</i> spp.</b><br><b>3.6. <i>Lisianthus</i> spp.</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The plant must be free from pests as follows:<br/><i>Bemisia tabaci</i> Genn.</li> <li>2. Additional declaration must be stated in phytosanitary certificate that: Consignment complies with Annex IV.A.I, point 45.2 (b) of EC Plant Health Directive 2000/29/EC</li> </ol>  |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Plant in genera as follows:</b><br><b>4.1. <i>Gypsophila</i> spp.</b><br><b>4.2. <i>Solidago</i> spp.</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The plant must be free from pests as follows:<br/>(4) <i>Amauromyza maculosa</i> (Malloch)<br/>(5) <i>Liriomyza sativae</i> (Blanchard)<br/>(6) <i>Bemisia tabaci</i> Genn.</li> <li>2. Additional declaration must be stated in phytosanitary certificate that: Consignment complies with Annex IV.A.I, point 32.2 (b) and 45.2 (b) of EC Plant Health Directive 2000/29/EC</li> </ol> |
| <b>III. Industrial crop</b>                       |  |   |
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Lao name: café med heng</b><br><b>English name: Coffee bean (unroasted)</b><br><b>Scientific name: <i>Coffea</i> spp.</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The plant must be free from storage pests which are considered to be harmful organisms defined in the Annex I and II of EC Plant Health Directive 2000/29/EC of European Union and not contaminated with soil or planting material.</li> <li>2. Where the consignment is infested, it shall be fumigated by the treatment provider and it should be registered by the</li> </ol>        |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Lao name: kao san</b><br><b>English name: Milled rice</b><br><b>Scientific name: <i>Oryza</i> spp.</b>  |   |



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| 4  | Isolated bark of conifers: coniferales  |   |
| 5  | Plant for planting in genera as follows:<br><i>Chaenomeles</i> spp <i>Malus</i> spp. (such as apple)<br><i>Cydonia</i> spp. <i>Pyrus</i> spp.<br><i>Crateagus</i> spp. <i>Rosa</i> spp<br><i>Prunus</i> spp.<br><i>Fragaria</i> spp. (such as strawberry)                   | Dormant plants without flower, fruit and seed   |
| 6  | Tuber and seed of potatoes, <i>Solanum tuberosum</i>  |   |
| 7  | Stolon and tuber forming of plant in genera of <i>Solanum</i> spp. such as eggplant, potato   | Potato tuber ( <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> ) in title 6  |
| 8  | Tubers of plant in genera of <i>Solanum</i> spp. such as eggplant, potato   | Plant or plant part as described in title 7   |
| 9  | Plant for planting in family Solanaceae as follows:<br><i>Cestrum</i> spp.<br><i>Capsicum</i> spp such as chili<br><i>Lycopersicon</i> spp. such as tomato<br><i>Nicotiana</i> spp such as tobacco<br><i>Petunia</i> spp.,<br><i>Solanum</i> spp. such as egg plant, potato | Seed and plant or plant part as described in title 6,7 and 8  |
| 10 | Soil and growing medium as such, which consists in whole or in part of soil or solid organic substances such as parts of plants, humus including peat or bark   | Composed entirely of peat.  |
| 11 | Plant in genera <i>Vitis</i> spp. such as grape   | Fruit   |
| 12 | Plant and hybrids in genera as follows:<br><i>Citrus</i> spp. (such as orange, lemon)<br><i>Fortunella</i> spp<br><i>Poncirus</i> spp   | Fruit and seed  |
| 13 | plant intended for planting in family Gramineae   | 1. Seed of plant in family Gramineae<br>2. Plant of the subfamilies <i>Bambusoideae</i> such as bamboo and rattan<br>3. Plant of the subfamilies <i>Panicoideae</i><br>4. plants of ornamental perennial grasses of <i>Buchloe</i> , <i>Bouteloua</i> spp., <i>Calamagrostis</i> spp., <i>Cortaderia</i> spp., <i>Glyceria</i> spp., <i>Hakonechloa</i> spp., <i>Hystrix</i> spp, <i>Molinia</i> spp, <i>Phalaris</i> spp., <i>Shibataea</i> spp, |

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|  |  | <i>Spartina</i> spp., <i>Stipa</i> spp. and <i>Uniola</i> spp |
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Remark: Any person or organization intending to import prohibited plants, plant products and articles for research as described above into the European countries for the purpose of education and research shall apply for a special permit or letter of authorization from the relevant authority of the importing country which is defined in the Commission Directive 95/44/EC dated 26/07/1995. The description of import condition of the consignment allowed to be imported will be given in the import permit. The phytosanitary certificate, upon receipt of the permit, shall be issued with additional an declaration stating that “this material is imported under Directive 95/44/EC”.

5. In addition to the specific requirements written above, the exporter shall, in a timely manner, seek more updated information on phytosanitary import requirements as well as those for other crops which are not covered in this notification from the destination country. Any updated and new information shall be notified to the Department of Agriculture to verify it with the importing country.
6. The Province and Vientiane Capital Agricultural departments shall strictly implement and disseminate this information to relevant sectors within the province to ensure that they comply with this notification. In addition, they shall regularly monitor and report on any constraints and weakness of any aspect of the phytosanitary certificate to the Department of Agriculture in order to find a timely solution.
- 7.. The detail information on the scientific name and common name of plants can be found in the reference books which have been distributed to plant protection border check point throughout the country namely (1) Jules Vidal, 1956, Noms vernaculaires de Plants en usage au Laos and (2) list of plant in Lao PDR, Mike Callaghan, Vientiane, December 2003.

Therefore, this notification is released to concerned authorities for their high consideration and implementation.

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