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**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY**

Prime Minister's Office

No. 769/PMO

Vientiane Capital, dated 1 June 2016

Notification

- To: - Deputy Prime Minister, President of State Inspection Authority.
- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance.
- Minister of Agricultural and Forestry.
- Minister of Industry and Commerce.
- Minister of Natural Resource and Environment.
- Governor of Vientiane Capital and Provinces nationwide

Subject: The Extension and Implementation of the Order No. 15/PM, dated 13 May 2016.

- Pursuant to the Order of the Prime Minister No. 15/PM, dated 13 May 2016.
- Pursuant to guidance of the Prime Minister dated 1 June 2016.

The Prime Minister's Office is pleased to notify Prime Minister's guidance as follows:

1. The executive board of ministries, relevant sectors and local authority at all levels shall comprehend, deeply understand and concur with the Order No. 15/PM nationwide to strictly cease the export of all types of timbers that are not wooden products, and forestry products those are illegal.
2. State Inspection Authority shall assign officers to work with local authority nationwide to conduct an actual inspection. In case of discovering the violation or illegal export of the timber by individuals, legal entities or relevant agencies, the inspection authority shall strictly and timely proceed according to laws without exception or tolerance in all cases.
3. Ministries, sectors and local authorities shall increase ownership in extending and implementing the Order No. 15/PM in details according to its own roles and responsibilities in this particular time as follows:

- 3.1. Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry shall coordinate with relevant sectors and local authorities to inspect and collect data of approved timber explorations both legal and illegal being residual at the Yard II by clearly identified quantities, volume, types of timbers and location in order to list in detail and then immediately report to the government.
- 3.2. Ministry of Industry and Commerce shall coordinate with relevant sectors and local authorities to adjust wooden processing factories nationwide. At this particular time, the ministry shall focus on factories located in the National Preserved Forest, National Preventive Forest and Productive Forest, in case of discovering the violation or illegal establishment of a factory, it shall be stopped, dissolved, and seized as state's property and strictly carried out according to the laws.
- 3.3. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment shall coordinate with Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and local authorities to enhance cautious and guard in order to prevent illegal timber exploration in the National Preserved Forest, National Preventive Forest and Productive Forest, infrastructure construction areas and other production areas. In case of discovering the violation and wrong doing the authority shall put trials, punish, and impose strict measures to violators.
- 3.4. It strictly prohibit authorities at the international checkpoint, local checkpoint, customary checkpoint and other checkpoints at the borders to permit or facilitate the export of timbers and forestry products that are not approved by the government. If a violation and a wrong doing are found the violators shall be put on trails, punished, and imposed strict measures.
- 3.5. Ministries, and relevant agencies at the central level shall appoint technical officers to coordinate with local authorities to extend, implement and inspect based on the technicality of its own sector by using precise mechanism of the working, coordination and report. In dangerous area and borders officers of the nation defense and public security shall take part in the interception of the timber exploration and illegal exportation.

4. All relevant sectors and local authorities shall report the outcome of the extension and the implementation of the Order No. 15/PM to the government to give direction for solving problems timely.

Therefore, this notification hereby informs you to acknowledge and implement accordingly.

Minister, Chief of Government's Office

(Signed and sealed)

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