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Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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Decision

on the Procedures for Rice Import and Export in the Lao PDR

- Pursuant to the Government's Decree on the Import and Export of Goods No. 114/GoL, dated 06 April 2011; and
- Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decree on the Goods Import Licensing Procedures No. 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009,

The Minister of Industry and Commerce hereby issues the following Decision:

Section 1

General Provisions

Article 1. Purpose

This Decision sets out procedures for rice import and export. This Decision has no purpose to restrict the quantity or value of importation, but only for statistical purpose through the automatic import or export licensing regime.

Article 2. Definition of Terms

In this Decision "rice" means rice in the husk, husked (brown) rice, semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed as defined in the Lao PDR's Customs Nomenclature of 1006.

Article 3. Scope of Application

This Decision applies for the import and export of rice in the Lao PDR.

Section 2

Rice Import and Export Licensing Procedures

Article 4. Rights and Requirements for Importation or Exportation of Rice

Any individual, entity and organization located in or outside the Lao PDR has the rights to import or export rice in accordance with relevant laws and regulations of the Lao PDR.

Article 5. Application for Rice import and export License

The import and export of rice shall obtain an import or export license from the Department of Industry and Commerce at Provincial level and Vientiane Capital.

Article 6. Required Documents for Rice Import or Export Application

Documents required for applying for a rice import or export license are as follows:

1. Application for rice import or export license;
2. Copy of the following:
 - Valid Enterprise Registration Certificate or Concession Registration Certificate (for enterprises located in the Lao PDR); or
 - Valid enterprise registration certificate issued by the competent authority of the relevant country (for enterprises located outside the Lao PDR) and with a sale-purchase contract with authorized rice distribution enterprises in the Lao PDR.

Any documents in foreign language shall be accompanied with its Lao translation as certified by the Notary Office of Lao PDR.

Article 7. Rice Import or Export License

The issuance, modification and term of rice import and export licenses shall follow the Goods Import Licensing Procedures No. 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009.

The import license is not transferrable.

Article 8. Fees and Charges

Fees and charges for the issuance and modification of rice import and export licenses shall follow the Presidential Edict No. 03/P, dated 19 November 2008 on “Fees and Services Charges”.

Article 9. Provision of Documents upon Actual Importation or Exportation

Upon actual importation and exportation, importers or exporters shall provide the following documents to the customs authority:

1. Rice import or export license as issued under this Decision; and
2. Other required documents as per customs regulations.

**Section 4
Final Provisions**

Article 10. Implementation

Department of Import and Export shall actively coordinate with Department of Industry and Commerce at Provincial level, Vientiane Capital and relevant authorities to implement this Decision accordingly and effectively.

Article 11. Effectiveness

This Decision shall be effective 30 days after the date of signature.

Minister of Industry and Commerce,

[Signed and sealed]
Dr. Nam Viyaketh