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Ministry of Industry and Commerce
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Vientiane Capital
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Order

On the abolition of import license of tractors for the use of agricultural productions

- Pursuant to the Decree on the Organization and Operation of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce No.230 / PM, dated 24 July 2017;
- Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Order on the Improvement of Regulations and Coordinating Mechanisms for Doing Business in the Lao PDR No. 02/PM, dated 01 February 2018;
- Pursuant to the letter of the Department of Import and Export No. 3431/DIMEX, dated 14 October 2021.

In reducing the procedures and cost of agricultural production and aiming to encourage agricultural production to become a commodity and contribute to the national socio-economic development.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce issued an order:

1. Abolishing the issuance of import license for all types of tractors for the use of agricultural production only which is under the customs code of Lao PDR section 8701 which includes driving tractor and walking tractor which shall comply with the conditions as the following below:
 - 1.1 Import driving tractors shall apply the technical import license and register the vehicles at the Department of Transport, Ministry of Public and Transport in Lao PDR before the declaration of customs duties at the border checkpoint and shall be imported through the international checkpoints only;
 - 1.2 Import walking tractors which can be declared the customs duties and taxed at the border checkpoint without any requirements of technical import license and register vehicles at the Department of Transport, Ministry of Public Works and

Transport in Lao PDR. Imports can do through local border checkpoints, traditional border checkpoints, and international border checkpoints;

- 1.3 Import tractors for producing all types of agriculture, one family can import only one tractor for the purpose of using for family agricultural production and need to be certified by local authority in the area where is located. A purpose of a production group or cooperative shall be certified by the Agriculture and Forestry Office where the product group or cooperative is located and the number of the tractors should align with the actual production area;
- 1.4 Import tractors, spare parts, and equipment of tractors used only for agricultural production for domestic distribution that must be a business unit with an enterprise license, after-sales service and business license, wholesale and retail trade (for foreign investors). This shall be imported through international checkpoints only;
2. Assign the Department of Import and Export to coordinate with the relevant parties in disseminating and implementing this Order with high efficiency;
3. This Order will be effective fifteen days after the signing date and disseminate on Lao official gazette and replaces the Order on the Abolition of the Tractor Import License No. 0807/MOIC.DIMEX, dated 02 September 2020.

Minister

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