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LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

Ministry of Industry and Commerce

No. 0930/MOIC.DIH

Vientiane Capital, dated 31 July 2019

**Order
on Suspension of New Business Operation of Industrial Processing Factories Utilising
Plastic Waste as Materials**

- Pursuant to Law on Processing Industries No. 048/NA, dated 27 December 2013
- Pursuant to Prime Minister's Decree on Organization and Operation of Ministry of Industry and Commerce No. 230/PM dated 24 July 2017

To order the management, improvement and modification of industrial processing factories utilising plastic wastes as materials to satisfy technical standards, decrease environmental and social impact and correspond with the Government's directives on economic and social development in a green environmentally sustainable manner.

Minister of Industry and Commerce hereby issues the following orders:

1. To suspend new business operations of industrial processing factories utilising plastic waste as materials until a new order or other legislation is issued to replace this Order.
2. Enterprises/factories which have already obtained an enterprise registration certificate, investment licence or business operation licence and factory construction permit are able to continue with factory construction and can apply for a factory business operation certificate in accordance with the Law on Processing Industries. After obtaining a factory business operation certificate, the factory can proceed with production.
3. Enterprises/factories which have already obtained an enterprise registration certificate, investment licence or business operation licence but have not yet obtained a factory construction permit shall be suspended immediately until a new order or other legislation is issued to replace this Order.
4. Industrial processing factories utilising plastic waste as materials that have obtained a factory business operation certificate and have been operating are able to continue to do so, however the Provincial and Capital Departments of Industry and Commerce are to collaborate with the relevant authorities to conduct data collection, inspection and monitoring of those factories. If any factory that does not satisfy the factory technical standards as provided for in the relevant laws and regulations, particularly in terms of the factory's location, technique, production technology, material warehouse, structure, security, health hygiene and environment, production shall be suspended and the factory business operation certificate revoked. After an improvement to the factory's technical standards, the enterprise/factory will then be able to re-apply for a factory business operation certificate and will be able to recommence production after obtaining the factory business operation certificate.
5. Factories that operate production activities without approvals in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, particularly without any approvals i.e. enterprise registration certificate, investment licence or business operation licence, factory construction permit or factory business operation certificate shall be ordered to immediately cease operations and strictly sanctioned as stipulated in the Law on Enterprise and relevant regulations.
6. The Provincial and Capital Departments of Industry and Commerce and District Offices of Industry and Commerce are to disseminate the Order to other public sectors and businessmen within their provinces, Vientiane Capital and districts to ensure thorough acknowledgement and cooperation in implementing this Order effectively.

7. The Department of Industry and Handicraft, Provincial and Capital Departments of Industry and Commerce and District Offices of Industry and Commerce are to enforce this Order strictly.
8. This Order shall be effective from the signing date and after fifteen (15) days of being published on the Official Gazette.

Minister of Industry and Commerce

(Signed and Sealed)

Mrs. Khemmany Pholsena