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Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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Decision
on the Procedures for Steel and Cement import and distribution

- Pursuant to the Enterprise Law No. 11/NA, dated 09 November 2005;
- Pursuant to the Government's Decree on the Import and Export of Goods No. 114/GoL, dated 6 April 2011;
- 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 steel and cement import and distribution in the Lao PDR. 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:

- (1) "steel" means bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of iron or non-alloy steel; other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling; other bars and rods of iron or non-alloyed steel; Angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel as defined in the Lao PDR's Customs Nomenclature as follows: 7213; 7214; 7215 and 7216.
- (2) "cement" means cement, mortar, concrete as defined in the Lao PDR's Customs Nomenclature as follows: 2523 and 3816.

Article 3. Scope of Application

This Decision applies for the import and distribution of steel and cement in the Lao PDR.

Section 2
Rights and Requirements for Steel and Cement Import and Distribution

Article 4. Rights and Requirements for Importation of Steel and Cement

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

Article 5. Rights and Requirements for Distribution of Steel and Cement

Any construction material distribution enterprises registered under Lao PDR law have the rights to distribute steels and cements in Lao PDR.

Section 3

Steel and Cement Import Licensing Procedures

Article 6. Application for Steel and Cement Import

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

Article 7. Required Documents for Steel or Cement Import License Application

Documents required for applying for a steel or cement import license are as follows:

1. Application for steel and cement import 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).

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

Article 8. Steel and Cement Import License

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

The import license is not transferrable.

Article 9. Fees and Charges

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

Article 10. Provision of Documents upon Actual Importation

Upon actual importation, importers shall provide the following documents to the customs authority:

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

Section 4
Final Provisions

Article 11. 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 12. Effectiveness

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

Minister of Industry and Commerce,

[Signed and sealed]
Dr. Nam Viyaketh