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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Food and Drug Department
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Food
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Decision on Food Export-Import and Transit. Language(s): Laos. Number of pages: 20 http://www.laoftpd.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=388&Itemid=336&lang=en
6. Description of content: The decision defines the principles, rules, procedures and measures for food and food additives to Lao PDR in order to ensure the quality standard, food safety and to protect public health for consumers. The main contents of the announcement are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Import of Food: All food businesses are required to provide relevant documents by submitting them to the Food and Drug Department or Food and Drug Authority in any province at least five working days prior to the actual importation;- Transit of Food: Food businesses that transport food in transit through Lao PDR shall provide all required documents and submit them to the Food and Drug Department or Food and Drug Authority in any province at least five working days before transit.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 4 February 2018</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Department of Foreign Trade and Policy Ministry of Industry and Commerce Phonxay Road, Saysettha district, Vientiane capital city Tel: +(856 21) 450066 Fax: +(856 21) 450066 E-mail: sps-tbt_notification@laoftpd.com phetlany@gmail.com</p>
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