



**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY**

Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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Vientiane, date 02 September 2020

**Order  
on the Elimination of Import Licensing on Tractors**

- Pursuant to the Decree on 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 Streamlining Regulations and Coordination Mechanisms for Doing Business in Lao PDR, No. 02/PMO, dated 01 February 2018;
- Pursuant to the Request Letter of the Department of Import and Export, No. 2692/MOIC.DIMEX, dated 01 September 2020.

To reduce unnecessary procedures and costs in agricultural production for the purpose of promoting agricultural commercialization and contributing to the national socio-economic development.

**The Minister of Industry and Commerce issues the Order:**

1. To eliminate all types of tractors that fall under the harmonized system code 8701 specified in the Lao PDR's Tariff Nomenclature.
2. Individual farmers, agricultural groups, or agricultural associations can import pedestrian controlled tractors for agricultural use and pay for tariffs, taxes and other fees and charges at any local and traditional border checkpoints. In addition, road tractors for semi-trailers can only be imported through the international checkpoints.
3. Individual farmers are allowed to import 01 tractor per household for agricultural use (non-commercial purpose). Agricultural groups or associations that intend to import tractors for agricultural use must submit a request to the District/ City Agriculture and Forestry Office to determine and certify the number of tractors for importation based on the actual plantation areas.
4. Importers of tractors, spare parts and equipment of tractors for commercial purposes must have an enterprise registration certificate and a business operation license for imports and sales of tractors, spare parts and equipment of tractors. In addition, the importers must have after-sales services, and such imports can only be conducted through the international border checkpoints.
5. The issuance of a business operation license for imports and sales of tractors, spare parts and equipment of tractors is assigned to the Provincial/Vientiane Capital

[Unofficial translation]

Industry and Commerce Offices, in which their Import-Export Divisions are key implementing agencies in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

6. Fees and service charges that relate to the issuance of a business operation license and other certificates must be collected in accordance with the Presidential Decree on Fees and Service Charges, and other relevant regulations in each period.
7. The Department of Import and Export, Ministry of Industry and Commerce is assigned to coordinate with relevant agencies in the dissemination and implementation of this Order in a highly effective manner.
8. This Order shall come into force after signing and publishing it on the Lao Official Gazette for fifteen working days.

**Minister of Industry and Commerce,**