

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

No. 069/MOAF

**THE REGULATIONS ON
THE QUARANTINE OF PLANTS
IN THE LAO P.D.R.**

- Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decree on the Organization and the Activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Decree no. 84/PM; issued on 22/11/92
- Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decree on the Quarantine of Plants in the Lao PDR, no 66/PM; issued on 21/8/92.

The Minister of Agriculture and Forestry hereby declares the following regulations on the quarantine of plants in the Lao PDR.

- b. Bouquets of flowers, including branches and flowers, provided that their weight does not exceed 0.5 kilograms per person.

Article 3: Storage of Samples

1. In the event of the quarantine of plants or agricultural produce, an appropriate amount will be retained in order to examine it for the presence of infection.
2. The inspection officers should take sufficient and appropriate quantities of samples in order that these may be analyzed correctly in standard tests.
3. After the checking and analysis of samples, any samples of over 10 kilograms will be returned to their owners, except for those samples, which must be retained as evidence.

Part II
Concerning the Export of Goods

Article 4: Applications for the Inspection of Plants

Any organizations, companies or individuals who wish to export plants or agricultural produce to foreign countries, must be in possession of a Phytosanitary Certificate, which can be obtained on application to the Department of Agriculture and Agricultural Extension. This applies to those plants and agricultural produce intended for

Article 11: Import Permits, Quarantine Orders for Agricultural Produce and Import Prohibitions

1. Any plants and agricultural produce, which are exempted from the payment of duty, may be imported to the Lao PDR provided that they are free of prohibited infections.
2. Any plants or agricultural produce which are disease free and on which the duties have already been paid, will be given entry to the Lao PDR by the Plant Quarantine Officers, who will issue a certificate.
3. If any plants or agricultural produce are found to be infected with prohibited diseases, whether or not, duties have already been paid, the officers will decide on the appropriate course. Either the infected goods will be quarantined for steam sterilization or returned to their owners for destruction or returned to their country of origin. A Certificate of Infection will be given to the owners and samples will be taken as evidence.

Part IV
Violations

Article 12: Any organizations, companies or individuals who violate the Regulations on Plant Quarantine will be warned, fined, the produce seized and, in the event of a serious violation, will be prosecuted.

Part V
Prohibitions

Article 13: Prohibited Infections

If any plants, agricultural produce or dirty vehicles are found to be infected with any prohibited infections, then first they will be steam sterilised. In suspected cases they must at least be sprayed with insecticides by the Plant Quarantine Officers.

Part VI
Agricultural Produce in Transit through the Lao PDR

Article 14: Any agricultural produce which is in transit through the Lao PDR and is intended for a third country destination, must be in possession of a Transit Certificate and accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate which must be shown to the Plant Quarantine Inspection Officers at the checkpoint in order to obtain a Transit Certificate for Agricultural Produce in Transit through the Lao PDR.

- In the event of the agricultural produce not being in possession of a Phytosanitary Certificate, then the Plant Quarantine Officers will follow the procedures outline in Parts II and III.

Article 15: These Regulations on the Quarantine of Plants are effective from the date of signing.

Vientiane, dated 02/07/1993

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