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PREFACE

The livestock and fisheries sector plays an important role in the socio-economic development in Lao PDR. The animal herd is also considered as national assets and providing great revenue, together with its production in the national GDP. Besides being national assets, animals are kept for food, draught power and saving bank for families. As a result of its importance, party and government have allocated funds for the livestock and fisheries sector such as animal husbandry and health care. In recent years the livestock services were focused on improvement of feeding and health care so as to gradually increase the growth rate of livestock in quantity and quality.

However, in the same period, a large number of our people did not pay enough attention to the selection of animal breeds, feeding, water, housing and health care and consequently the animals became smaller in size, unhealthy, with low resistance to diseases resulting, thus, high mortality each year. The animals are unhealthy; they have not enough anti-bodies against diseases and heavy mortality is deplored in each year. More seriously when animals die because of diseases, the animal owners do not report these cases to the concerned officials or administrative authority and let dead animals decay or float in watered rivers, which create more problems to the environment. Sometimes the sick animal

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For the exportation of animal breeds, livestock and livestock products, an export license shall be requested. The animal health certificate and the status of the animal breed should be attached in accordance with the rules on movement of livestock and livestock products, as outlined by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

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The order or importation of animal breeds, livestock and livestock products to the Lao PDR shall be based on specific import licenses and animal health certificates from the veterinary agency of the country of origin according to the Ministerial Decree on the movements of livestock and livestock products issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Article 6

The Government has the right to control the exportation and importation of all species of livestock and livestock products. The various economic sectors like state, co-operatives, joint-ventures, private or family business and foreign companies must be authorized by the state alone, as prescribed in Article 5, to perform such export and import of livestock and livestock products.

Chapter III Violation and Promotion

Article 7

Government organizations, co-operatives, joint-ventures or private businesses, which violate this decree shall be sentenced, fined and confiscation applied. In the event of a severe case, the violator will be prosecuted by the court as proved by law.

Article 8

The Government has policies to promote individual persons, co-operatives or any state organizations that are attentively contributing to the effective implementation of this decree.

Chapter IV Implementation

Article 9

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministry of Commerce are entrusted to issue detailed recommendations, provisions, regulations and Ministerial Decrees on the implementation of this decree:

The Ministry of Commerce is responsible to issue unanimous regulations on livestock and meat trading throughout the country. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is responsible to issue provisions on the control of movements of livestock and livestock products, provisions on the registration of animal species, provisions on animals to be slaughtered, provisions on meat inspection, provisions on the conservation of animal breeds and their improvement, provisions on the control and prevention of epidemic diseases.

