

# Lao PDR's Export Control Implementation

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# Recent Progress on Export Control

# 1. Draft Decree on the Management of Dual Use Goods Trade

- **The Decree has been officially drafted since 2018.**
- **Five workshops on “National Dual-Use Trade Controls Legal Framework of Lao PDR and Perspectives of Enhancement” have been conducted in Lao PDR.**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> workshop: 24-25 May 2017**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> workshop: 7-9 February 2018**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> workshop: 18-19 September 2018**
  - **4<sup>th</sup> workshop: 30 July -1 August 2019**
  - **5<sup>th</sup> workshop: 24-26 September 2019**
- **Supported by the EU P2P Outreach programme for Dual Use Goods/CBRN Centre of Excellence- An Initiative of the European Union.**
- **Progress of the draft: the 1<sup>st</sup> draft has been completed and comprehensively discussed among the concern lined ministries (especially during the 5<sup>th</sup> workshop) including a regular revision together with the international consultant . However, some more work needs to be done such as: checking the overall structure as well as some technical terms and elements of the content.**

## 2. Existing Inter-Ministerial Coordination Mechanism

1. **Dual Use Goods Trade Management Working Group or DUGTM-WG**
  - ▶ Officially established on 20 September 2018.
  - ▶ Structured under the Trade Facilitation Secretariat.
  
2. **Committee responsible for drafting the Decree on the Management of Dual Use Goods Trade.**
  - Officially established on 16 January 2020.
  - Led by Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Department of Import and Export)

# Members of DUGTM-WG

1. **Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Licensing authority and STC Focal Point)**
2. **Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UNSR 1540 (2004) Focal Point)**
3. **Ministry of Science and Technology (CBRN Focal Point)**
4. **Ministry of Finance (Customs Department-Enforcement authority)**
5. **Ministry of Health**
6. **Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry**
7. **Ministry of Energy and Mines**
8. **Ministry of Public Work and Transport**
9. **Ministry of National Defence**
10. **Ministry of Public Security**
11. **Ministry of Post and telecommunications**

# Members of the Committee drafting the Decree on DUGTM

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1. **Ministry of Industry and Commerce**
  - *Department of Import and Export*
  - *Department of Industry and Handicraft*
  - *Permanent Secretary Office ( Legal division)*
2. **Ministry of Finance**
  - *Customs Department*
3. **Ministry of National Defence**
  - *Department of National Industry Defence*
4. **Ministry of National Security**
  - *Department of International Police*
5. **Ministry of Foreign Affair**
  - *Department of International Organisation (1540 focal point)*
  - *Department of Treaties and Law*
6. **Ministry of Justice**
  - *Department of law*
7. **Ministry of Health**
  - *Department of Food and Drug*
8. **Ministry of Science and Technology**
  - *Department of Science*
9. **Ministry of Public Work and Transportation**
  - *Department of Civil Aviation*
10. **Ministry of Post and Telecommunications**
  - *Department of ICT*
11. **Bank of Lao PDR**
  - *Department of Monetary Policy*
  - *Anti-Money Laundering Intelligence Office*

### 3. National Dual Use Goods List

- **To adopt the EU dual use items list as the national dual use goods list.**
- **The list has been translated into Lao language and in the editorial process.**
- **Supported by the EU P2P Outreach programme for Dual Use Goods/CBRN Centre of Excellence- An Initiative of the European Union.**





# Challenges and Way Forward

## 1. Challenges

- **Lack of experiences on Export Control.**
- **Limited personnel who possess with knowledge on non-proliferation of WMD and Export Control of Dual Use Goods.**
- **Public awareness on dual use goods is still limited.**
- **Lack of sophisticated infrastructure (eg, modern equipment and technology)**

## 2. Way Forward

- **Finishing the draft Decree on the Management of Dual Use Goods Trade by 2020.**
- **More capacity building on:**
  - **Non-Proliferation of WMD and Export Control of Dual Use Goods**
  - **EU's Dual Use Items List**
- **More outreach to all stakeholders (eg, industry, academia, service providers, etc).**
- **Seeking for technical and financial supports from international programme related to WMD.**

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**Thank you for your kind attention**