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Attn: Dr Kenza Le Mentec
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Re: Application for STDF Project Preparation Grant

Dear Dr. Le Mentec,

Further to your e-mail dated 25th January to my officers regarding Lao PDR's earlier submissions and our preliminary response to your advice that we merge the two submissions (STDF/PG/548PPG and STDF/PG/558) into a single application and also include other issues to resolve problem on non-compliance notified by importing country and also sanitary matters, we are pleased to submit a new application for an STDF Project Preparation Grant (PPG) as attached. This application, titled "**Strengthening the Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic National Sanitary and Phytosanitary Capacity to Maintain Market Access of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Produce to the EU and other Potential Markets**" has been put together following consultations with various relevant departments in Lao PDR, with technical assistance from collaborators from CAB International. Letters of support from these departments are attached for easy reference.

In our application, we have indicated that we would like to work with CAB International in the implementation of this project. CABI consultants, particularly those from its Southeast Asian Regional Centre, have vast experience working on SPS-related issue in the region, including Lao PDR. Besides implementing CABI's global Plantwise program in the Greater Mekong Subregion countries, CABI consultants continue to spearhead the ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network (ARDN) through capacity building activities under the AANZTFA Economic Cooperation Work Program and /have been involved in the STDF-supported Projects STDF/PG/381 - *CocoaSafe: SPS Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing for the Cocoa Sector* and STDF/PG/328 - *Beyond Compliance: Integrated Systems Approach for Pest Risk Management*, as well as the STDF/PPG/432 - *Information Systems for Surveillance and Pest Reporting* and the PG that follows. We very much look forward to working with CABI in the implementation of our Project, if approved.

In anticipation of STDF support for our application, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,



Vilaysouk Khennavong
Director General

STDF PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT

(PPG) APPLICATION FORM

The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) provides Project Preparation Grants (PPGs), up to a maximum of US\$50,000, for the following purposes (or a combination thereof):

- application of SPS-related capacity evaluation and prioritization tools;
- preparation of feasibility studies that may precede project development to assess the potential impact and economic viability of proposals in terms of their expected costs and benefits; and/or
- preparation of projects proposals that promote compliance with international SPS requirements, for funding by the STDF or other donors.

Applications that meet the STDF's eligibility criteria are considered by the STDF Working Group, which makes the final decision on funding requests. Complete details on eligibility criteria and other requirements are available in the *Guidance Note for Applicants* on the STDF website (www.standardsfacility.org). Please read the *Guidance Note* before completing this form. Completed applications should be sent by email (as Word documents) to STDFSecretariat@wto.org.

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| PPG Title | Strengthening the Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic National Sanitary and Phytosanitary Capacity to Support Market Access of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Produce to the EU and other Potential Markets |
| Budget requested from STDF | US\$48,400 |
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I. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

1. What is the purpose of this PPG? Explain whether it is requested to: (i) apply an SPS-related capacity evaluation or prioritization tool; (ii) prepare a feasibility study (prior to project development) to assess the potential impact and economic viability of proposals in terms of their expected costs and benefits; and/or (iii) prepare a project proposal for consideration by the STDF or other donors?

The purpose of this PPG application is to seek support to prepare a project proposal to identify, assess and address weaknesses in the Lao PDR National Sanitary and Phytosanitary Capacity that have contributed to the current constraints to the export of fresh fruit and vegetable products into the EU and other potential markets.

2. Explain the key SPS problems and/or opportunities to be addressed. Clarify why these issues are important, with attention to market access and poverty reduction. Describe, if relevant, how these issues relate to SPS priorities in the Enhanced Integrated Framework's Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies (DTIS), the findings of SPS-related capacity evaluations, national poverty reduction strategies, sector development strategies or policies, etc. See Qn. 7. (b) – (d) of the Guidance Note.

The Government of Lao PDR has in recent years adopted a policy of shifting from a self-sufficient economy to a market-oriented economy, and has decreed an Agriculture Development Strategy 2025–2030 that places agriculture and forestry as the basis for industrialization. This Agriculture Development Strategy (ADS2025) has been designed to meet the nation's needs for safe food supply, commercial production, reducing reliance on natural resources and contributing to the National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES). A top priority for the Government of the Lao PDR is to modernize the agriculture and forestry sector in a manner that fully meets sustainable practices and that achieves food security and better livelihoods for all Lao people. The goal of poverty eradication and graduation from LDC status by 2020 depends on a more productive agriculture and forestry sector. The agriculture and forestry sector provides the economic, social and cultural base for more than 80 per cent of the population, and accounts for about 25 per cent of GDP. The Government has clear development objectives for the agricultural and forestry sector to 2020, designed to contribute to the overarching goal of poverty alleviation; among these are

- Ensure food security for all Lao people.*
- Maintain a growth rate in agricultural output of 3 to 3.4 per cent annually.*
- Promote commodity production, especially for export.*
- Diversify and modernize the agricultural and forestry sector.*
- Conserve the natural environment and protect threatened species and habitats.*
- Improve rural livelihoods.*

Enhanced sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS) can also contribute to trade development. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) estimates that the benefits of increased SPS capacity in Lao PDR may be as much as US\$10 million per year. The DTIS Update 2012 has highlighted the disadvantages that weak SPS capacities pose to the national economy, with respect to both imports and exports.

Imports

- Introduction of potentially harmful plant pests and diseases through plant propagation material*
- Lack of capacity to contain transboundary animal diseases*
- Weak response capacities to outbreaks and infestations*
- Import and illegal use of unsafe agrochemicals*
- Import and illegal use of veterinary drugs and growth enhancers*
- Unsafe and excessive use of agrochemicals and veterinary drugs*
- Inability to control import and sale of sub-grade consumer goods*

Exports

- Insufficient capacity to provide information about the plant and animal pest and disease situation requested by trading partners*
- Limited capacity to conduct conformity assessment about safety and quality of exported products*
- Limited capacity to conduct negotiations with trading partners about risk-mitigation measures*

- *Insufficient capacity among producers and exporters to adopt preventative measures such as GAP, GHP and GMP*
- *Limited access to various export market segments because of insufficient public and private safety and quality management capacity*

To address these challenges, the Government has identified two areas of concern: 1) the capacity of its staff to serve and support the agricultural/forestry sector and ii) the capacity of farmers and other participants in the sector to compete effectively and efficiently in open market conditions. An analysis of the current situation has identified specific challenges that need to be addressed urgently. These include:

- *Vegetable exports to the EU, since 2012, have been plagued by notifications from EU on interception of harmful plant pests and diseases, resulting in high rejection rates. Low quality of plant products: not compliant with EU import requirements- infestation of insect pests (please see Annex 1)*
- *Quarantine/border inspectors lack adequate capacity to fully implement the provisions of ISPMs for market access*
- *Stakeholders do not fully comprehend the importance of SPS compliance in maintaining access to external markets*
- *The Department of Agriculture (DOA) does not as yet have adequate resources and capacity to engage with stakeholders with respect to market access requirements*

With respect to trade with the EU, particularly in the export of fresh fruit and vegetables, the situation has come to a head with the recent visit from EU representatives seeking resolution to the growing frequency of interceptions. Discussions between EU representatives and Lao PDR government officials have highlighted the following:

- *Some 78 notifications of non-compliance were recorded between 2014 and 2015. In the first five months of 2016 alone, there are already 86 notifications of interceptions of harmful pest organisms and some 30 other non-compliance issues (please see Annex 1)*
- *Of the many notifications, in excess of 60 percent deals with pest and disease violations; others include non-compliant phytosanitary certificates, and a gradual increase in microbial and pesticide contamination cases*
- *The Lao PDR Government is drawing up an action plan to urgently address this situation*
- *It is recognized that while some actions can be taken immediately, some of the issues will require capacity building and/or strengthening of current processes.*

This application is an important part of the action plan to implement the necessary solutions to the existing problems of trade with the EU. The lack of capacity also affects the efforts of the Government to explore expansion into other potential markets e.g. export of fresh watermelon and bananas to P.R China.

Because of limited capacities, developing economies in the region have approached international standards, particularly those related to risk management, almost entirely from the perspective of meeting importing country requirements. An understanding of the contribution of various management measures to risk reduction by all stakeholders along the production chain, i.e. a systems approach, will certainly facilitate faster resolution of trade issues or market access problems. This application has been prepared on the premise that opportunities exist for government to work closer together with the entire spectrum of stakeholders, from producers to traders to exporters in the SPS area, to address related capacity constraints and take advantage of market opportunities. Beneficiaries will include small farmers and other participants in the value chain from farm to export market. In this context, project proponents expect that in the design and implementation of the full project, elements of ISPM 14 may have direct relevance in terms of the examination of production chain processes and stakeholder involvement and responsibility in risk reduction. Accordingly, the use of the tools elaborated under STDF project STDF/PG/328 will be closely considered in the project that follows. The DTIS Update 2012 contends that "the emphasis on further development of an effective SPS system will increasingly need to focus on enhancing private sector capacity that can make use of basic public capacity. This will also require regular consultation between the public and private sector".

International trends in food safety management are to adopt preventative systems such as GAP, GMP and HACCP throughout supply chains, often with traceability. The adoption of such systems has to be driven by commercial incentives for farmers and entrepreneurs and their willingness to invest. Although some public support can be given for the adoption of such systems,

government human and financial resources are constrained and should be selectively focused at market segments with quality and safety requirements, such as the export of maize, rice and cassava to China and fruit and vegetables for Thai supermarkets. The adoption of GAP will generally depend on demand and support from private enterprises. Exporters will need to follow requirements from importers, and these requirements can involve the use of foreign versions of GAP and GMP, or particular quality management systems.

3. Which government agencies, private sector, academic or other organizations support this PPG request? Letters of support from each of these organizations would be advantageous (Appendix 1). See Qn. 7. (e) of the Guidance Note.

The PPG, and the project that is anticipated to follow, will emphasize risk-based prioritization of interventions and their implementation to raise the needed improvements in production processes and related human competencies for unimpeded market access. Relevant agencies under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have been consulted. They are supportive of this initiative and will embrace relevant roles in the implementation of both the PPG and full Project, if approved. Private sector and non-governmental organizations along the value chain will be included in the effort for greater awareness and active engagement of stakeholders in the processes leading to market access. Letters of support are attached.

4. How does this PPG complement and/or build on past, ongoing and/or planned national programs and/or donor-supported projects? See Qn. 7. (f) of the Guidance Note.

In 2004, Lao PDR joined the EIF and carried out a Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) as part of efforts by Government to identify key barriers to becoming more competitive and play a more active role in the global trading system. The DTIS with the National Export Strategy later laid the foundation for developing Lao PDR's trade goals, including membership of the WTO. Under the EIF, public, private sector and development partners have come together to update the DTIS resulting in the Trade and Private Sector Development Roadmap, which has become the key reference document for the country's trade related technical assistance.

Under the EIF, the project's objective is to enhance Lao PDR's national capacity to formulate, implement, manage and monitor a pro-poor trade policy that is consistent with, and supportive of, the country's National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSED) and its Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Lao PDR's 2006 DTIS and National Export Strategy (NES) were used to guide the implementation of the Sixth NSED 2006-2010 Trade Strategy by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC). Likewise, the DTIS Update was launched in May 2012 with plans to identify it as a trade sector implementation strategy for the NSED. The key underlying theme of the 2012 Update was the need to enhance the diversification of exports into sectors with high social impacts in order to ensure that trade has the maximum impact on improving the livelihoods of the poor. Donors have also come together to support the Update and Lao PDR's trade goals through a multi-donor trust fund (the Trade Development Facility - TDF) implemented through the National Implementation Unit (NIU) as well as alignment of other bilateral projects. The accession of Lao PDR to the WTO on 2 February 2013 was the result of a strong commitment to the reform agenda by the Government and its partners. The DTIS Update Action Matrix has been integrated into the Roadmap for Trade and Private Sector Development for Lao PDR, which is currently being implemented with the support from the EIF, TDF, and Development Partners.

While SPS capacity building addresses key objectives of the Agricultural Development Strategy, the PPG (and the full proposal that follows) seeks to reinforce the intended outcomes of related existing programs that are being implemented in the country. The ADB-funded Trade Facilitation Project on "Improved Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Handling in Greater Mekong Subregion Trade" seeks to establish and enhance surveillance and inspection programs, supporting the generation of the required pest data to support trade. The Republic of Korea funded project GCP/RAS/286/ROK: Support to Capacity Development in Implementation of Plant Pest Surveillance and Information Management in Southeast Asian Countries also seeks to build capacity in pest surveillance as an important basis for ISPM implementation. Similarly, the recently STDF-approved Project PG432 will address the region-wide need to implement best practices in the aggregation of pest surveillance records and their reporting. Capacity building activities, largely in SPS awareness, pest risk analysis and pest diagnostics, targeted at ASEAN

SPS personnel previously organized variously under the AusAID-funded SPS Capacity Building Program (SPSCBP) are now continued under the ASEAN Australia New Zealand Free Trade Area Economic Cooperation Program (AANZFTA ECP). FAO's efforts in the region that assists in the implementation of ASEANGAP in the fruits and vegetables sector directly supports greater participation of the region in the global trading system. In the case of Lao PDR, the above initiatives, and others that support improved capacity in other areas, is also consistent with priorities and outcomes of FAO's Country Programming Framework for Lao PDR.

5. Have you discussed this PPG request – or funding for the project proposal which would result from it – with any potential donors (bilateral, multilateral, Enhanced Integrated Framework, etc.)? If so, provide details below and indicate potential sources of funding for the resulting project. See Qn. 7. (g) of the Guidance Note.

As explained above, this PPG request (and the project proposal that would result from it) will be designed to complement any identified gaps in current related donor-supported development programs to exploit possible synergies for Lao PDR.

6. Briefly explain how cross-cutting issues (e.g. related to gender, the environment) are relevant for this PPG and, if appropriate, how they will be addressed.

Key activities in this PPG include a survey and documentation of stakeholders and key stakeholder activities along the production chain, from growers to traders to exporters. It will therefore be relevant that stakeholder consultations be gender-sensitive, to be able to capture possibly divergent or different responses to help shape planned interventions in the project.

Though this PPG, and the full project proposal that follows, addresses market access, project activities will directly build on in-country partnerships, help overcome constraints to trade, develop sustainable export growth, and in doing so, help alleviate poverty contributing to national development objectives. Lao PDR has, over the years, placed significant emphasis on promoting and maintaining environmentally-sustainable approaches to agriculture. Project objectives, will, accordingly, not only address pest and disease issues in market access, but also identified and potential challenges related to food safety relevant to trade in agricultural produce with the EU and other emerging markets.

II. IMPLEMENTATION & BUDGET

7. Who will take the lead in implementing this PPG? If particular national experts and/or international consultants are proposed, attach a copy of their Curriculum Vitae and record of achievements (Annex 2). If no names are provided, the STDF will provide a shortlist of consultants if the PPG request is approved.

The proponents for this PPG, the Department of Agriculture Lao PDR, propose to implement this PPG in partnership with CAB International (CABI). CABI consultants, particularly those from its Southeast Asian Regional Centre, have vast experience working on SPS-related issue in the region, including Lao PDR. Besides implementing CABI's global Plantwise program in the Greater Mekong Subregion countries, CABI consultants continue to spearhead the ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network (ARDN) through capacity building activities under the AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Work Program and /have been involved in the STDF-supported Projects STDF/PG/381 - CocoaSafe: SPS Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing for the Cocoa Sector and STDF/PG/328 - Beyond Compliance: Integrated Systems Approach for Pest Risk Management, as well as the STDF/PPG/432 - Information Systems for Surveillance and Pest Reporting and the PG that follows.

8. In the table below, briefly describe the main activities to be carried out under this PPG and specify who would be responsible. Provide an estimate of the budget required (e.g. for national/international expertise, travel and DSA of consultants, stakeholder meetings or workshops, general operating expenses,

etc.).

| Activity | Responsible | Estimated Budget (US\$) | |
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| 1. Review and consolidate relevant interception data (e.g. vegetable and fruit types implicated, pest and diseases/other problems encountered, etc. | National project team assisted by international consultants | <i>National experts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 officers for 10 days @ US\$ 100/day <i>International experts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pax x 3 days @ US\$ 600/day | 3,800.- |
| 2. Collect production chain Information through on-site visits and interviews/consultations (using structured questionnaire) with producers to facilitate identification of critical points in the production chain that suggest intervention/ mitigation | National project team assisted by international consultants | Survey operating expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing questionnaires 3 sets @ 100 copies @ US\$ 5/copy = 1,500 • Preparing reports 100 copies @ US\$ 5/copy = US\$ 500.- • DSA for surveys – 3 pax for 14 days @ US\$ 50 = US\$ 2,100.- • Local travel – 3 pax, 5 trips @ US\$ 100/trip = US\$ 1,500.- <i>National experts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 officers for 5 days @ US\$ 100/day = US\$ 1,000.- <i>International experts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pax x 5 days @ US\$ 600/day = US\$ 6,000.- • Airfares 2 pax @ US\$ 1500 = US\$ 3,000.- • DSA 2 pax x for 5 days @ US\$ 150/day=US\$ 1,500.- | 17,100.- |
| 3. Project formulation workshop involving key stakeholders to review collected data and analyses, poll stakeholder perceptions of market access processes and requirements, current issues and constraints | National project team assisted by consultants | Workshop venue and associated organizational costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSA for participants – 40 pax for 2 days @ US\$ 50 = US\$ 4,000.- • Local travel – 40 pax @ US\$ 50/trip = US\$ 2,000.- • Venue rental and workshop package for 50 pax = US\$ 2,000.- <i>National experts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 officers for 5 days @ US\$ 100/day = US\$ 1,000.- <i>International experts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pax x 3 days @ US\$ 600/day = US\$ 3,600.- • Airfares 2 pax @ US\$ 1500 = US\$ 3,000.- • DSA 2 pax for 3 days @ US\$ 150/day=US\$ 900.- | 17,500.- |
| 4. Based on the information gathered and outputs from the workshop, convene a small drafting group to prepare a full project | National project team assisted by consultants | <i>National experts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 officers for 5 days @ US\$ 100/day = US\$ 1,000.- <i>International experts</i> | 10,000.- |

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| <p>proposal that may cover focused capacity building within the plant health system, stakeholder awareness and involvement, clarifications on relevant ISPMs and compliance. It is anticipated that emphasis will be placed on strengthening stakeholder participation, addressing weaknesses in the production chain amenable to improvements in aspects of plant health and food safety.</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pax x 4 days @ US\$ 600/day = US\$ 4,800.- • Airfares 2 pax @ US\$ 1500 = US\$ 3,000.- • DSA 2 pax for 4 days @ US\$ 150/day=US\$ 1,200.- | |
| TOTAL | | | 48,400 |

Appendices

Annex 1: List of interceptions by the EU of fruits and vegetables from Lao PDR Jan-May 2016

Annex 2: Letters of support from agencies/organizations supporting this proposal.

ANNEX 1.

Interceptions of commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland with harmful organism(s) [Source: EUROPHYT- European Union Notification System for Plant Health Interceptions, 2016]

Lao People's Democratic Republic
January to May 2016

Plants or Produce

| MONTH | COMMODITY | PLANT SPECIES | HARMFUL ORGANISM | NUMBER OF INTERCEPTIONS |
|----------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| JANUARY | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | APIUM GRAVEOLENS | LIRIOMYZA HUIDOBRENSIS | 1 |
| | | CAPSICUM ANNUUM | BACTROCERA LATIFRONS | 1 |
| | | CAPSICUM FRUTESCENS | TEPHRITIDAE | 2 |
| | | ERYNGIUM SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | LIMNOPHILA AROMATICA | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | MENTHA | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | MOMORDICA CHARANTIA | THRIPS PALMI | 2 |
| | | OCIMUM BASILICUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | OCIMUM TENUIFLORUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | PIPER SARMENTOSUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 3 |
| | | SYZYGIUM SP. | TEPHRITIDAE | 1 |
| FEBRUARY | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | CAPSICUM ANNUUM | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 1 |
| | | CAPSICUM ANNUUM | TEPHRITIDAE | 2 |
| | | ERYNGIUM FOETIDUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | LIMNOPHILA AROMATICA | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | MOMORDICA CHARANTIA | THRIPS PALMI | 1 |
| | | MOMORDICA SP. | THRIPIDAE | 1 |

| MONTH | COMMODITY | PLANT SPECIES | HARMFUL ORGANISM | NUMBER OF INTERCEPTIONS |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | OCIMUM AMERICANUM | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 1 |
| FEBRUARY | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | OCIMUM BASILICUM | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 1 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SP. | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 2 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SP. | 2 |
| | | | TEPHRITIDAE | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM TENUIFLORUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SP. | 1 |
| | | PIPER SARMENTOSUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : LEAVES | OCIMUM BASILICUM | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | MARCH | INTENDED FOR PLANTING : CUTTINGS | POLYGONUM SP. | BEMISIA TABACI |
| OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | | APIUM GRAVEOLENS | LIRIOMYZA HUIDOBRENSIS | 1 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA TRIFOLII | 1 |
| | | CAPSICUM ANNUUM | BACTROCERA LATIFRONS | 1 |
| | | | TEPHRITIDAE | 1 |
| | | CORCHORUS OLITORIUS | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | ERYNGIUM FOETIDUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 4 |
| | | MELISSA OFFICINALIS | BEMISIA TABACI | 5 |
| | | MOMORDICA CHARANTIA | THRIPIDAE | 2 |
| | | | THRIPS PALMI | 2 |
| | | MOMORDICA COCHINCHINENSIS | THRIPIDAE | 1 |

| MONTH | COMMODITY | PLANT SPECIES | HARMFUL ORGANISM | NUMBER OF INTERCEPTIONS |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| MARCH | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | OCIMUM AMERICANUM | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 3 |
| | | | THRIPS PALMI | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM BASILICUM | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 3 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SP. | 1 |
| | | | THRIPS PALMI | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 4 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SP. | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM TENUIFLORUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 7 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 2 |
| | | | THRIPS PALMI | 1 |
| | | PAEDERIA SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | PERSICARIA ODORATA | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | OCIMUM TENUIFLORUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | APRIL | INTENDED FOR PLANTING : OTHERS | DRACAENA SP. |
| TETRANYCHIDAE | 1 | | | |
| OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | APIUM GRAVEOLENS | | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SP. | 1 |
| | ARTEMISIA SP. | | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | CORCHORUS SP. | | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | ERYNGIUM FOETIDUM | | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | ERYNGIUM SP. | | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | MELISSA OFFICINALIS | | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | MENTHA X PIPERITA | | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |

| MONTH | COMMODITY | PLANT SPECIES | HARMFUL ORGANISM | NUMBER OF INTERCEPTIONS |
|-------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| APRIL | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | OCIMUM AMERICANUM | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM BASILICUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SP. | 2 |
| | | OCIMUM SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 3 |
| | | | THRIPS PALMI | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM TENUIFLORUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 3 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SATIVAE | 1 |
| | | | LIRIOMYZA SP. | 1 |
| | | PIPER SARMENTOSUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | PSIDIUM GUAJAVA | BACTROCERA SP. | 1 |
| MAY | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | APIUM GRAVEOLENS | LIRIOMYZA TRIFOLII | 1 |
| | | APIUM GRAVEOLENS VAR. DULCE | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | CAPSICUM FRUTESCENS | TORTRICIDAE | 1 |
| | | ERYNGIUM FOETIDUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 3 |
| | | MENTHA SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 4 |
| | | MORINDA CITRIFOLIA | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | OCIMUM TENUIFLORUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | | PERSICARIA ODORATA | BEMISIA TABACI | 3 |
| | | PIPER SARMENTOSUM | BEMISIA TABACI | 2 |
| | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : LEAVES | MENTHA SP. | BEMISIA TABACI | 1 |

Interceptions of commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland for reasons other than presence of harmful organism(s)

**Lao People's Democratic Republic
January to May 2016**

| MONTH | COMMODITY | PLANT SPECIES | REASON OF INTERCEPTION | NUMBER OF INTERCEPTIONS |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| JANUARY | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | APIUM SP. | PHYTO. CERT.: ADDITIONAL DECLARATION INADEQUATE OR INVALID | 1 |
| | | | PHYTO. CERT.: ADDITIONAL DECLARATION MISSING | 1 |
| | | LIMNOPHILA AROMATICA | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM BASILICUM | PHYTO. CERT.: ADDITIONAL DECLARATION INADEQUATE OR INVALID | 1 |
| | PHYTO. CERT.: ADDITIONAL DECLARATION MISSING | | 1 | |
| | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : LEAVES | CITRUS | OTHER REASONS : PROHIBITED PLANTS, PLANTS PRODUCTS OR OTHER OBJECTS | 1 |
| | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : LEAVES | CITRUS HYSTRIX | OTHER REASONS : PROHIBITED PLANTS, PLANTS PRODUCTS OR OTHER OBJECTS | 1 |
| FEBRUARY | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | ALLIUM SP. | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 1 |
| | | ANNONA SP. | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 1 |
| | | APIUM SP. | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 1 |
| | | CAPSICUM FRUTESCENS | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS | 1 |

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| FEBRUARY | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | CAPSICUM SP. | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 1 |
| | | ERYNGIUM FOETIDUM | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS | 1 |
| | | | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 1 |
| | | ERYNGIUM SP. | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 1 |
| | | LIMNOPHILA SP. | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 1 |
| | | MURRAYA KOENIGII | OTHER REASONS : PROHIBITED PLANTS, PLANTS PRODUCTS OR OTHER OBJECTS | 1 |
| | | OCIMUM SP. | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 2 |
| | | PSIDIUM GUAJAVA | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 3 |
| | | SOLANUM MELONGENA | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 1 |
| | | SOLANUM SP. | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS | 1 |
| | | SOLANUM UNDATUM | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS | 1 |
| | | SYZYGIUM SAMARANGENSE | OTHER REASONS : NON COMPLIANCE WITH TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS | 1 |
| | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : LEAVES | MURRAYA KOENIGII | PHYTO. CERT.: ADDITIONAL DECLARATION INADEQUATE OR INVALID | 1 |

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| MARCH | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | ANNONA MURICATA | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 1 |
| | | ERYNGIUM FOETIDUM | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 1 |
| | | LIMNOPHILA AROMATICA | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 1 |
| | | SYZYGIUM SAMARANGENSE | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 1 |
| APRIL | INTENDED FOR PLANTING : ! OTHERS | DRACAENA SP. | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 1 |
| APRIL | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | CITRUS HYSTRIX | PHYTO. CERT./ PLANT PASSPORT : ! OTHERS | 1 |
| APRIL | | ERYNGIUM FOETIDUM | PHYTO. CERT./ PLANT PASSPORT : ! OTHERS | 1 |
| APRIL | | LIMNOPHILA AROMATICA | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED | 1 |
| APRIL | | MOMORDICA SP. | PHYTO. CERT.: ADDITIONAL DECLARATION MISSING | 2 |
| APRIL | | MURRAYA KOENIGII | OTHER REASONS : PROHIBITED PLANTS, PLANTS PRODUCTS OR OTHER OBJECTS | 1 |
| APRIL | | PSIDIUM GUAJAVA | PHYTO. CERT./ PLANT PASSPORT : ! OTHERS | 1 |
| MAY | | OTHER LIVING PLANTS : FRUIT & VEGETABLES | LIMNOPHILA AROMATICA | PHYTO. CERT. / PLANT PASSPORT: PLANT NOT INCLUDED |



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