

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

President

**No. 079/P
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**Edict
of the
PRESIDENT**

of the
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

On the Promulgation of the Law on Entry-Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

- Pursuant to Chapter VI, Article 67, Item 1 of the Constitution of the Lao People's Democratic Republic;
- Pursuant to Resolution No. 018/NA, dated 26 December 2015, of the National Assembly; and
- Pursuant to Proposal No. 07/NASC, dated 22 January 2015¹, of the National Assembly Standing Committee.

**The President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
Decrees That:**

Article 1. The Law on entry-Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR is hereby promulgated.

Article 2. This Edict shall enter into force on the date it is signed.

The President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
[Seal and Signature]
Choummaly SAYASONE

¹ Are the dates of the National Assembly Resolution and the proposal of the Standing Committee switched?

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National Assembly

No. 018/NA

**RESOLUTION
of the
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

of the

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

On the Adoption of the Law on Entry-Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

- Pursuant to Article 53, Item 2 of the Constitution and Article 3, Item 1 of the Law on the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Regarding the Rights and Duties of the National Assembly.

After broad consideration of the contents of the Law on Entry-Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR at the 8th Session of the VII General Assembly of the National Assembly at the afternoon session on 26 December 2014.

The General Assembly Resolves to:

Article 1. Adopt The Law on Entry-Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR by a majority resolution.

Article 2. This resolution shall enter into force on the date it is signed.

Vientiane Capital, dated 26 December 2014
President of the National Assembly

[Seal and Signature]

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Lao People's Democratic Republic **Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity**

National Assembly

No. 59/NA

Vientiane Capital, dated 26 December 2014

Law

On Entry-Exit,

And the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

Part I

General Provisions

Article 1 Objectives

This Law determines the principles, regulations and measures involving the management, monitoring, inspection and the entry-exit and management of foreigners in the Lao PDR, in order to make such activities efficient, swift provision of services, [and] modern, aiming to protect the sovereignty, national security, ensure a peaceful and orderly society, able to interconnect regionally and internationally and contribute to the preservation and development of the country.

Article 2 Entry into-Exit from the Lao PDR

Entry into and exit from the Lao PDR is the entry and exit by Lao citizens, foreigners, aliens, stateless persons, including vehicles by presenting valid documents in full in accordance with regulations.

The management of entry into and exit from the Lao PDR is the facilitation, control, monitoring and inspection of travel into and exit from the Lao PDR.

Article 3 Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

Foreigners are people who hold other nationalities, including aliens and stateless persons, who enter the Lao PDR to visit, tour, to do any work, officially or unofficially, for a fixed period, and to live in the Lao PDR.

The management of foreigners in the Lao PDR is the facilitation of, the monitoring, inspection and movements of foreigners who enter to undertake duties, operate businesses, visit, tour, or work and live in the Lao PDR.

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Article 4 Definitions

The terms used in this Law have the following meanings:

1. **Lao PDR Entry-Exit checkpoint** means entry-exit checkpoints officially designated, including international checkpoints, local checkpoints and traditional checkpoints;
2. **International checkpoint** means a place which permits Lao citizens, aliens, foreigners and stateless persons to enter and exit through the use of passports, border passes, temporary border passes or other valid travel documents which are legally valid in accordance with laws and regulations;
3. **Local checkpoint** means a place which only permits citizens of the Lao PDR and Citizens of bordering countries of the Lao PDR to travel into and exit in accordance with official agreements between the two parties, through the use of border passes, temporary border passes or other valid travel documents in accordance with laws and regulations;
4. **Traditional checkpoint** means a place which only permits Lao citizens and citizens of of neighbouring countries who are permanently domiciled in border areas or towns which face the Lao PDR to travel into and exit through the use of border passes, temporary border passes or other valid travel documents in accordance with laws and regulations;
5. **Lao race** means a person born in the Lao PDR and hold Lao nationality through birth or persons born abroad whose mother or father was born in the Lao PDR and hold Lao nationality through birth;
6. **Identification Card** and means a card which certifies the status of, [and] which is issued to foreigners as provided in Article 39 of this Law;
7. **Stay Permit** means a card which certifies a fixed period of stay issued to foreigners and stateless persons as provided in Article 34 of this Law;
8. **Registration of stay** means an authorization to stay for individuals as provided in Article 33 of this Law;
9. **Visa** means an authorization to enter into and exit from any country;
10. **Family member** means the father, mother child, husband or wife;
11. **Vehicle which brings passengers into, and takes passengers of the Lao PDR** means any vehicle, train, boat, [or] aircraft.

Article 5 Policies of the State regarding Entry-Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

The State promotes, encourages and creates conditions to facilitate activities involving entry-exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR through the establishment of complete basic infrastructure systems, the provision of personnel, budgets, vehicles, [and] equipment for use in such activities to make them correct, efficient, strong and modern.

Article 6 Principles of Entry-Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

The undertaking of activities regarding entry-exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR shall be performed in accordance with the following principles:

1. Be consistent with the Constitution, laws [and] regulations, international treaties and conventions to which the Lao PDR is a State Party;
2. Ensure that services are convenient, quick, transparent and modern;

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3. Are controlled in a unified manner nationwide; and
4. Ensure national security, peace, safety, and social order.

Article 7 Application

This Law applies to legal entities, organisations, Lao citizens, aliens, foreigners, and stateless persons who operate or live in the Lao PDR.

Article 8 International Cooperation

The State promotes foreign, regional and international relationships and cooperation through the exchange of lessons, technology, information, the improvement, [and] upgrade of specific knowledge relating to the entry-exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR implemented in accordance with international treaties and conventions to which the Lao PDR is a State Party.

Part II

Entry Into and exit from the Lao PDR

Chapter 1

Conditions [for] Entry into and Exit from the Lao PDR

Article 9 General Conditions [for] Entry into and Exit from the Lao PDR

Conditions of entry Into-exit from the Lao PDR are as follows:

1. Lao citizens, aliens, foreigners and stateless persons shall hold valid, full and complete travel documents;
2. Individuals who hold many valid, full and complete passports and hold more than one nationality shall use the passport used at the place of exit or last border checkpoint of exit as the travel document to enter the Lao PDR;
3. Individuals who hold a valid, full and complete passport stamped by an immigration officer at a checkpoint or who has been authorized a valid temporary extension of stay in the Lao PDR shall use such passport on exit;
4. individuals who come from countries which do not require entry-exit stamps in the passport of the holder shall perform in accordance with partner agreements or as agreed by the Government of the Lao PDR;
5. In the event that the passport is damaged or is unusable, documents certifying such shall be issued by local police and the Immigration Department in order to make a new passport at the Embassy or consulate, and apply for an exit visa from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before being permitted to travel out of the Lao PDR.

As regards other travel documents separate regulations shall be followed:

Article 10 Entry into and exit from the Lao PDR by Lao Citizens and Aliens

Entry into and exit from the Lao PDR by Lao citizens and aliens shall be performed as follows:

1. Shall hold a valid visa for the country to be visited; countries that have visa exemption agreements with the Lao PDR, such agreements shall be implemented;

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2. Use border passes or temporary border passes when entering or exiting the Lao PDR by border countries which have bilateral agreements with the Lao PDR;
3. Use a passport to travel into and exit from the Lao PDR and report to immigration officers at the immigration checkpoint; and
4. Hold official documents issued by the relevant organization to be presented to immigration officers at the immigration checkpoint for persons who hold diplomatic passports and civil servant passports.

Aliens who enter and exit the Lao PDR shall present their passports, ID Cards, or copies of their family registration books to immigration officers at immigration checkpoints.

Article 11 Entry into-exit from the Lao PDR by Foreigners and Stateless Persons

Entry into and exit from the Lao PDR by foreigners and stateless persons shall be performed as follows:

1. Perform in accordance with bilateral agreements for persons who hold diplomatic passports, civil servant passports and ordinary passports of countries which have diplomatic, government and ordinary visa exemption agreements with the Lao PDR;
2. Perform in accordance with visa application procedures for persons who hold diplomatic passports, civil servant passports and ordinary passports of countries which do not have diplomatic, civil servant and ordinary visa exemption agreements with the Lao PDR;
3. Perform in accordance with agreements of the Government of the Lao PDR for citizens of countries which the Lao PDR has visa exemptions;
4. Present themselves to immigration officers at the immigration checkpoint; and
5. Perform in accordance with bilateral agreements for holders of passports, border passes or temporary border passes of citizens of neighboring countries when entering or exiting the Lao PDR.

Aviation staff of normal civil aviation flights of countries which have agreements with the Lao PDR who hold documents certifying the status of aviation staff of the airline of such country, who wish to stay overnight in a city where the airport is located shall be permitted to enter into and exit from and stay in the Lao PDR for a temporary stay not exceeding 24 hours, but shall be subject to inspection by airport immigration officers in accordance with international regulations.

Article 12 Denial of Entry into the Lao PDR

Foreigners and stateless persons who are not permitted entry into the Lao PDR are as follows:

1. Individuals who operate in violation of the security, peace and interests of the nation or individuals who damage the honor and reputation of the Lao nation;
2. Individuals who commit, or are involved in international theft, terrorism, international crime, human trafficking, illegal entry and exit or bring in and take

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people out of the Lao PDR illegally, involved in prostitution, sexual violations or are in the possession of information related to such;

3. Individuals blacklisted from entering the Lao PDR;
4. Individuals who use invalid travel documents, such as: of other people, who falsify or alter information or carry passports which are invalid or incomplete;
5. Individuals who have insufficient funds for a temporary stay in the Lao PDR; and
6. Individuals who carry severe contagious diseases in accordance with international regulations and notifications of relevant authorities.

Article 13 Denial of Exit from the Lao PDR

Individuals not permitted to exit the Lao PDR are as follows:

1. Individuals who operate in violation of the security, peace and interests of the nation or individuals who damage the honor and reputation of the Lao nation;
2. Individuals who use invalid travel documents, such as: of other people, who falsify or alter information or carry passports which are invalid or incomplete; and
3. Individuals related to criminal or civil cases which are still subject to csse proceedings, performance of fines, civil liabilities which have not been fulfilled shall not be permitted to leave the Lao PDR pursuant to a request by the investigation-interrogation organizations, the Peoples Public Prosecutor, the People's Court, the relevant authorities or officers in possession of information or affected parties.

Chapter 2

Responsibilities of Individuals, Legal Entities and Organizations which Use Vehicles to Transport Passengers Into and Out of the Lao PDR

Article 14 Vehicles Transporting Passengers into and Out of the Lao PDR

Individuals, legal entities and organizations that use vehicles to transport passengers into and out of the Lao PDR shall enter and exit at officially designated checkpoints, provide clear notification of the vehicle, details of the dates of entry and exit to immigration officers in accordance with regulations and provide a list of passengers.

Domestic and international civil aircraft regulations are covered separately.

Article 15 Responsibilities of Individuals, Legal Entities and Organizations which Use Vehicles to Transport Passengers into and out of the Lao PDR

Individuals, Legal Entities and Organizations which use vehicles to transport passengers into and out of the Lao PDR have the following responsibilities:

1. Cooperate with immigration officers where it is suspected that or there is information of violations of laws, immigration officers at immigration checkpoints may search passengers, vehicles or personal items not detailed in the goods inventory;

2. Pay food and accommodation expenses, and transport passengers out of the Lao PDR in the event that passengers are brought in who do not meet the conditions provided in Articles 9, 12 and 13 of this Law are transported;

Chapter 3 **Management and Protection of Checkpoints**

Article 16 Management of Checkpoints

The management of Lao PDR immigration checkpoints is the control, keeping of order, monitoring and inspection of the situation involving entry and exit at checkpoint areas in a strict manner, and guarantee security and safety.

Article 17 Management of Technical Systems

The management of technical systems is the use of modern technical and technological equipment in the management, monitoring and inspection of entry into and exit from the Lao PDR management activities to ensure that specific technical activities can be undertaken and able to connect with information databases in a unified, quick and timely manner.

Article 18 Checkpoint Protection

Checkpoint protection is the investigation and control of the overall situation at Lao PDR checkpoints relating to the movements of malicious individuals and groups who would take advantage of entering and exiting the Lao PDR to cause unrest, damage and to protect, prevent and suppress such in a timely manner.

In the event of an emergency situation which affects national security in the area of the checkpoint or border areas, police officers assigned to the checkpoint shall organize forces and coordinate with the relevant authorities to eradicate, control and resolve the situation in a timely manner.

The procedures, and regulations for resolving emergency situations shall be performed in accordance with the Law on the Protection of National Security and other relevant laws.

Chapter 4 **Categories of, and the Issue of Lao PDR Entry-Exit Visas**

Article 19 Categories of Visas

Lao PDR entry-exit visas fall under the following categories:

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| 1. | Diplomatic visa | (D-A1) |
| 2. | Civil servant visa | (S-A2) |
| 3. | Spouse visa | (SP-B3) |
| 4. | Culture visa | (C-B1) |
| 5. | Tourist visa | (T-B3) |
| 6. | Short-term visa | (NI-B3) |
| 7. | Long-term visa | (I-B3) |

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| 8. | Permanent visa | (P-B3) |
| 9. | Expert visa | (E-B2) |
| 10. | Transit visa | (TR-B3) |
| 11. | Business visa | (NI-B2 or I-B2) |
| 12. | Student visa | (ST-B2) |
| 13. | Press visa | (M-B2) |
| 14. | Labor visa | (LA-B2) |

In the event that the passport is still valid, but is full and has no space to stamp the visa, passports of foreigners or territories which the Lao PDR does not have diplomatic or consular relations and as a result of diplomatic reasons or security reasons, Embassy staff, consular staff or immigration officers at immigration checkpoints will issue a paper visa.

Article 20. Issue of Each Category of Visa

The issue of the different categories of visa shall be performed as follows:

1. Diplomatic visas are issued to diplomats of levels of Vice Secretary or higher, consular civil servants, representatives or deputy representatives of the United Nations Organization and other international organizations who are appointed to perform their duties, both long-term and short-term in the Lao PDR with an application by the relevant organization and their family members;
2. Civil servant visas are issued to administration-technical staff assigned to embassies and consulates, including their family members;
3. Spouse visas are issued to foreigners and stateless persons who have a marriage with a Lao citizen registered in accordance with law;
4. Culture visas are issued to:
 - Employees of cooperation offices within the scope of bilateral cooperation, employees of the United Nations Organization and other international organizations working at representative offices located in the Lao PDR;
 - Foreign experts or academics who arrive on behalf of bilateral cooperation projects between governments;
 - Foreign experts or academics of foreign volunteer organizations who work in assistance projects to the Lao PDR.
 - Experts who come for the purpose of compiling data relating to the provision of loans and to monitor loan agreements for loans provided to the Government of the Lao PDR;
 - Foreign experts invited to seminars, to attend training or to make presentations;
 - Servants of foreign embassies, consulates or residences of diplomats who do not hold Lao nationality or do not have a permanent residence in the Lao PDR;
 - Dignitaries involved in operation plans to provide assistance or honorary persons;
 - Family members of individuals provided in Item 4 of this Article.

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5. Tourist visas are issued to foreigners and stateless persons who wish to tour the Lao PDR.
6. Short-term visas are issued to:
 - Foreign academics authorized to attend training or temporary study in the Lao PDR; and
 - Foreigners and stateless persons who wish to visit their mother, father, relatives, friends, compile investment data, trade relationships or other objectives that comply with the laws of the Lao PDR.
7. Long-term visas are issued to:
 - Foreigners and stateless persons who have performed good deeds in the preservation and development of the nation, including individuals who have benefitted the Lao PDR who wish to remain long-term in the Lao PDR;
 - Foreigners and stateless persons who wish to remain long-term in the Lao PDR shall have at least twenty thousand USD in their bank account for persons who wish to stay for less than six months and forty thousand USD for persons who wish to stay for one year.
8. Permanent visas are issued to foreigners and stateless persons authorized to reside permanently in the Lao PDR.
9. Expert visas are issued to:
 - Experts and employees of international non-government organizations (NGOs) who are authorized to work in the Lao PDR;
 - Experts and academics who are under a State, private or other international organization employment contract or project contract and their family members.
10. Transit visas are issued to foreigners and stateless persons who wish to pass through the Lao PDR to another country.
11. Business visas are issued to foreign businessmen and their family members who come to invest in or compile business data in the Lao PDR.
12. Student visas are issued to students who come to study or research, compile data or train in an academic subject in the Lao PDR.
13. Press visas are issued to foreign members of the press who come to report in the Lao PDR.
14. Labor visas are issued to foreigners and stateless persons who come to work in the Lao PDR and their family members.

Article 21 Persons Eligible for Multiple Entry-Exit Visas

Persons eligible for multiple entry-exit visas are as follows:

1. Diplomats assigned to the Lao PDR;

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2. Diplomats assigned to the Lao PDR, but the embassy is located in another country;
3. Persons who come to perform their duties in the Lao PDR for a short-term period of not more than 60 days;
4. Foreigners and stateless persons who come to perform their duties in the Lao PDR for a period of 60 days or more, who are registered or receive an identification card or a stay permit; and
5. Foreigners and stateless persons who have performed their role in the preservation of, and development of the nation, including investors or foreign businessmen who invest or have business relationships, but are not assigned to the Lao PDR.

Lao PDR multiple entry-exit visas are valid for the term of registration or the stay permit or identification card, except for multiple entry-exit visas issued under Items 3 and 5 of this Article.

Article 22 Scope of Rights in the Issue of Visas

Embassies, consulates and consular offices of the Lao PDR abroad may issue tourist visas, short-term visas and transit visas to foreigners and stateless persons who meet the conditions to enter and exit the Lao PDR not exceeding two times. Other categories of visa, including multiple entry-exit visas, shall have the prior consent of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Visa units at checkpoints nationwide are able to issue tourist visas, short-term visas and transit visas to foreigners and stateless persons who meet the conditions to enter and exit the Lao PDR one time. Other categories of visa must have the prior consent of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In the event that embassies, consulates and consular offices of the Lao PDR abroad have no information on the movements of individuals who apply for a tourist, short-term or transit visa shall seek the opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visa units at border checkpoints shall seek the opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Public Security.

Chapter 5

Travel Documents

Article 23 Categories of Travel Documents

Travel documents comprise passports, border passes, temporary border passes and other travel documents.

Passports are international travel documents issued by the competent authorities of any country.

Border passes are a category of document issued by the competent authorities to their citizens to travel into and exit at international border checkpoints, local border checkpoints and traditional border checkpoints to provinces located in bordering countries which are limited in accordance with agreements between the two countries and may be used on numerous occasions.

Temporary border passes are a category of document issued by the competent authorities to their citizens to travel into and exit at international border checkpoints, local border checkpoints

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and traditional border checkpoints to provinces located in bordering countries which are limited in accordance with agreements between the two countries and may be used one time.

Other travel documents are a category of Travel document which may be used instead of a passport issued by the competent authorities of a country or an international organization acknowledged by the Lao PDR, such as, travel documents for stateless persons, Laisses-passer, temporary passports and certificates of identity.

Article 24 Scope of Rights of Travel Document Issuing Authorities

The Ministry of Public Security issues border passes and temporary border passes.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issues passports and other travel documents.

Article 24 Time-frames for Consideration of the Issue of Travel Documents

Consideration for the issue of travel documents shall be performed as follows:

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| 1. | Diplomatic passports and civil servant passports | five business days; |
| 2. | Regular passports | Seven business days; |
| 3. | Border passes | two business days; |
| 4. | Temporary border passes | one business day. |

Part III

Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

Chapter 1

Determination of Period of Stay and Stay

Article 26 Determination of Period of Stay

Immigration officers assigned to checkpoints determine the period of temporary stay of foreigners and stateless persons in accordance with the category of visa or bilateral agreements between the two countries or decision of the government.

Article 27 Extension of Stay

Foreigners and stateless persons already authorized to stay in the Lao PDR who wish to continue their stay shall apply for an extension of stay with the Immigration Department prior to expiry.

Each extension for each category of extension are provided in separate regulations.

Article 28 Stay

Foreigners and stateless persons who visit or tour; work, undertake their duties under a fixed period and live in the Lao PDR may stay for the period authorized by the Ministry of Public Security.

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Article 29 Accommodation

Accommodation includes guesthouses, hotels, houses for rent and resorts.

Article 30 Notification of Stay

Foreigners and stateless persons shall present their travel documents used to enter the Lao PDR or stay permit to the person responsible for the accommodation and be registered in accordance with regulations.

Article 31 Obligations of Foreigners and Stateless Persons Authorized to Stay in the Lao PDR

Foreigners and stateless persons authorized to stay in the Lao PDR have the following obligations:

1. Respect and perform in accordance with the Constitution, laws and regulations, and fine traditions of the Lao nation;
2. Cooperate and participate in the preservation of peace and social order;
3. Stay at accommodation provided in Article 29 of this Law in order to ensure safety.

Article 32 Obligations of Operators

Operators have the following obligations:

1. Record, make copies of passports of foreigners and stateless persons who stay in the accommodation under its responsibility and notify the relevant authorities and local administration authorities within 24 hours;
2. Record and notify the tourist police and other relevant authorities of foreigners and stateless persons who one rents vehicles to;
3. Report, cooperate with and facilitate relevant police officers when foreigners or stateless persons violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR; and
4. Organize accommodation, register and report on foreign labor under its responsibility to foreigner management police and other relevant authorities.

Chapter 2

Registration, Issue of Stay Permits and Foreigner, Stateless Persons Identification Cards

Article 33 Registration of Stay

Police authorities responsible for the management of foreigners undertake registration of stay of foreigners and stateless persons who undertake their duties in the Lao PDR by stamping the stay register in the travel document determining a stay of 90 days per time.

Article 34 Issue of Stay Permit

Police officers responsible for the management of foreigners are responsible for the issue of stay permits to foreigners and stateless persons who undertake their duties in the Lao PDR and individuals who legally register a marriage with a Lao citizen.

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Investors and developers who operate projects or take concessions with the Government of the Lao PDR shall receive a stay permit of one to five years which shall be extendible.

Article 35 Conditions for Registration and Issue of Stay Permits

Police officers responsible for the management of foreigners may register and issue stay permits to foreigners and stateless persons who undertake their duties in the Lao PDR in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Hold a passport valid for six months or more;
2. Hold a spouse visa (SP-B3);
3. Hold a civil servant visa (S-A2), culture visa (C-B1), long-term visa (I-B3), student visa (ST-B2), media visa (M-B2), expert visa (E-B2), business visa (NI-B2) and labor visa (LA-B2);
4. An application letter from the relevant organization or domestic or foreign investor company or a company awarded a concession by the Government of the Lao PDR; and
5. Other visas as decided by the Government or no visas in accordance with bilateral agreements.

Article 36 Cancellation of Registration and Stay Permit

The registration and stay permits of foreigners and stateless persons will be cancelled in the event that the individual violates the laws and regulations or operates outside the objectives determined.

Article 37 Return of Stay Permit

Foreigners and stateless persons who complete their duties in the Lao PDR, the organizations, projects, companies and relevant sectors shall notify and return the stay permit to the Foreigner Management Police Department or Provincial, City Public Security Police Headquarters or immigration officers assigned to border checkpoints.

Article 38 Issue of Certification

The Public Security Sector issues certification regarding the entry into and exit from the Lao PDR and accepts reports for damaged passports, border passes, stay permits and other items of foreigners and stateless persons.

Article 39 Issue of Identification Cards

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issues identification cards to the following individuals:

1. Diplomats, consular civil servants, heads and representatives of the United Nations Organization, other international organizations, persons who have immunity equivalent to ambassador status and their family members;
2. Technical administrators assigned to embassies, consulates and consular offices, employees assigned to cooperation offices pursuant to reciprocal cooperation, employees of the United Nations Organization and other international organizations at the offices of such organizations in the Lao PDR, servants at embassies,

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consulates, consular offices and private residences of diplomats who are not Lao citizens or do not have a permanent residence in the Lao PDR and their family members.

Individuals stated in Items 1 and 2 above of this Article who undertake their duties in the Lao PDR from 60 to 365 days will not be issued with identification cards. Identification cards issued are valid for the entire period of assignment in the Lao PDR.

Upon completion of duties in the Lao PDR, the relevant embassies, consulates and consular offices, international organizations shall notify and return the identification card to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The documents required for identification card applications are covered in separate regulations.

Part IV

Implementation of Activities Relating to Entry-Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

Chapter 1

Implementation of Activities Regarding Entry into and Exit from the Lao PDR

Article 40 Organizations Responsible for the Implementation of Activities Regarding Entry into and exit from the Lao PDR

Organizations responsible for the implementation of activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR are as follows:

- The Immigration Department of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Ministry of Public Security;
- The Immigration Divisions of the Provincial and City Public Security Headquarters;
- The Immigration Units of District and Municipal Public Security Headquarters; and
- Immigration officers assigned to immigration checkpoints.

Article 41 Rights and Duties of the Immigration Department of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Ministry of Public Security

The Immigration Department of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Ministry of Public Security has the following rights and duties:

1. Study, plan, and compile information on the overall situation involving activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR nationwide;
2. Manage, direct, command, monitor, inspect and evaluate activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR at checkpoints nationwide in order to facilitate entry into and exit from the Lao PDR, and ensure that it is quick, peaceful, safe and orderly;
3. Stop or suspend the movement of Vehicles, individuals, groups of individuals where immigration officers have information and evidence relating to violations of laws by individuals and groups, including materials and equipment and materials;

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4. Direct the issue of border passes to Lao citizens who wish to enter and exit at international checkpoints nationwide with borders with neighboring countries of the Lao PDR;
5. Authorize extension of stay for foreigners, stateless persons who stay in the Lao PDR for periods not exceeding 90 days, except in cases provided in separate regulations and direct such activities of lower authorities;
6. Disseminate relevant laws and regulations, train, warn, fine, apprehend and request preliminary basic information from individuals who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;
7. Use vehicles, technical equipment and weapons in activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR in accordance with regulations;
8. Cooperate with the relevant sectors relating to activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR;
9. Foreign and International cooperation relating to activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR;
10. Summarize and report on the implementation of activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR to the higher authorities; and
11. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 42 Rights and Duties of Immigration Divisions of the Provincial and City Public Security Headquarters

The Immigration Divisions of the Provincial and City Public Security Headquarters have the following rights and duties:

1. Manage, direct, command, monitor, inspect and evaluate activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR and at provincial and city checkpoints;
2. Inspect exit documents or border passes and temporary border pass extension applications by Lao citizens, extension of stay by foreigners who hold border passes and temporary border passes and submit them to the higher authorities for consideration;
3. Inspect application documents for extension of stay by foreigners, stateless persons who hold passports and visas who stay their provinces and cities and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
4. Cooperate with the Foreigner Management Police Sector in the management, monitoring, inspection, stay and movements of foreigners and stateless persons;
4. Register and manage statistics on foreigners and stateless persons;
6. Propose to higher authorities the stopping or suspending the movement of vehicles, individuals, groups of individuals where immigration officers have information and evidence relating to violations of laws by individuals and groups, including materials and equipment and materials;
7. Disseminate relevant laws and regulations, train, warn, fine, apprehend and request preliminary basic information from individuals who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;
8. Use vehicles technical equipment and weapons in activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR where necessary;

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9. Cooperate with the relevant sectors relating to activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR;
10. Foreign and International cooperation relating to works regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR;
11. Summarize and report on the implementation of activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR to the higher authorities; and
12. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 43 Rights and Duties of Immigration Units of District and Municipal Public Security Headquarters

Immigration Units of District and Municipal Public Security Headquarters have the following rights and duties:

1. Manage, direct, command, monitor, inspect and evaluate activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR at traditional border checkpoints located in districts and municipalities;
2. Cooperate with the Foreigner Management Police Division in the management, monitoring, inspection, stay and movements of foreigners and stateless persons;
3. Inspect temporary border pass applications of Lao citizens residing in districts located at border checkpoints and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
4. Register and manage statistics on foreigners and stateless persons;
5. Propose to higher authorities the stopping or suspending the movement of vehicles, individuals, groups of individuals where immigration officers have information and evidence relating to violations of laws by individuals and groups, including materials and equipment and materials;
6. Disseminate relevant laws and regulations, train, warn, fine, apprehend and request preliminary basic information from individuals who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;
7. Use vehicles technical equipment and weapons in activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR where necessary;
8. Cooperate with the relevant sectors relating to activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR;
9. Summarize and report on the implementation of activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR to the higher authorities; and
10. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 44 Rights and Duties of Immigration Officers Assigned to Border Checkpoints

Immigration officers assigned to border checkpoints have the following rights and duties:

1. Inspect all categories of travel documents, passengers and vehicles, including items not listed in the goods inventory;
2. Propose to higher authorities the stopping or suspending the movement of vehicles, individuals, groups of individuals where immigration officers have information and

- evidence relating to violations of laws by individuals and groups, including materials and equipment and materials;
3. Disseminate relevant laws and regulations, train, warn, fine, apprehend and request preliminary basic information from individuals who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;
 4. Use vehicles technical equipment and weapons in activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR where necessary;
 5. Cooperate with other officers assigned to border checkpoints in the implementation of activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR;
 6. Cooperate with neighbouring border checkpoints relating to activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR as assigned by the higher authorities;
 7. Summarize and report on the implementation of activities regarding entry into and exit from the Lao PDR to the higher authorities regularly; and
 8. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Chapter 2

Implementation of Activities Regarding the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

Article 45 Organizations Responsible for the Implementation of Activities Regarding the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

The organizations responsible for the implementation management activities regarding the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR are as follows:

- The Foreigner Management Police Department, of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Ministry of Public Security;
- The Foreigner Management Police Division of the Provincial and Capital Public Security Police Headquarters; and
- The Foreigner Management Police Units, of the District and Municipal Public Security Police Headquarters;

Article 46 Rights and Duties of the Foreigner Management Police Department of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Ministry of Public Security

Foreigner Management Police Department of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Ministry of Public Security has the rights and duties in accordance with its role and scope of responsibilities as follows:

1. Study, plan Study, compile information on the overall situation involving activities regarding the management of foreigners;
2. Implement activities regarding the management of foreigners in a facilitatory, swift manner to ensure safety and order nationwide ;
3. Coordinate with immigration officers in the management, monitoring, inspection, accommodation and movements of foreigners, [and] stateless persons nationwide;
4. Direct the registration and manage statistics on foreigners and stateless persons nationwide;

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5. Disseminate relevant laws and regulations, train, warn, fine, apprehend and request preliminary basic information from foreigners and stateless persons who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;
6. Use vehicles technical equipment and weapons in activities regarding the management of foreigners in accordance with laws and regulations where necessary;
7. Register stays and extensions of stay and issue stay permits to foreigners and stateless persons for visa categories provided in Items 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of this Law, visas provided in Item 2 are all subject to bilateral agreements. Direct the activities of lower ranking authorities;
8. Cancel registrations, [and] stay permits of foreigners and stateless persons who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;
9. Study, and inspect applications to live permanently in the Lao PDR of foreigners and stateless persons and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
9. Study, and inspect marriage applications between Lao citizens and foreigners and stateless persons and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
10. Cooperate with other relevant sectors in activities regarding the management of foreigners;
11. Cooperate with foreign and international organizations relating to activities regarding the management of foreigners;
12. Summarize and report on the implementation of works regarding the management of foreigners to the higher authorities; and
13. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 47 Rights and Duties of the Foreigner Management Police Division are as follows:

The Foreigner Management Police Division of the Provincial and Capital Public Security Police Headquarters has the rights and duties in accordance with its role and scope of responsibilities as follows:

1. Manage, direct command, monitor, inspect and evaluate activities regarding the management of foreigners;
2. Study and propose registrations of stay, extensions and issue stay permits, including proposals for the cancellation of registrations and stay permits of foreigners and stateless persons to the Provincial and City Public Security Police Headquarters;
3. Coordinate with immigration officers in the management, monitoring, inspection, accommodation and movements of foreigners, [and] stateless persons;
4. Register and manage statistics of foreigners and stateless persons;
5. Study and provide opinions regarding to live permanently in the Lao PDR of foreigners and stateless persons and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
6. Study, and provide opinions on marriage applications between Lao citizens and foreigners and stateless persons and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
7. Disseminate relevant laws and regulations, train, warn, fine, apprehend and request preliminary basic information from individuals who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;

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8. Use vehicles technical equipment and weapons in activities regarding the management of foreigners where necessary;
3. Manage and inspect the activities of foreigners and stateless persons under their responsibilities;
4. Register and manage statistics on foreigners and stateless persons under their responsibilities;
5. Study and provide opinions on applications for permanent residency in the Lao PDR of foreigners and stateless persons and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
6. Study and provide opinions on marriage applications between Lao citizens and foreigners and stateless persons and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
7. Train, warn, fine, apprehend temporarily and request preliminary basic information from persons who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;
8. Use vehicles, weapons and technical materials in foreigner management works;
9. Cooperate with other relevant sectors in activities regarding the management of foreigners;
10. Cooperate with foreign and international organizations relating to activities regarding the management of foreigners as assigned by the higher authorities;
11. Summarize and report on the implementation of works regarding the management of foreigners to the higher authorities; and
12. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 48 Right and Duties of Foreigner Management Police Units, of the District and Municipal Public Security Police Headquarters

The Foreigner Management Police Units, of the District and Municipal Public Security Police Headquarters has the rights and duties in accordance with its role and scope of responsibilities as follows:

1. Manage, direct command, monitor, inspect and evaluate activities regarding the management of foreigners;
2. Study and provide opinions regarding applications to live permanently in the Lao PDR of foreigners and stateless persons and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
3. Study, monitor, inspect the accommodation and movements of foreigners and stateless persons;
4. Compile information, register and manage statistics of foreigners and stateless persons;
5. Study, and provide opinions on marriage applications between Lao citizens and foreigners and stateless persons and submit to the higher authorities for consideration;
6. Disseminate relevant laws and regulations, train, warn, fine, apprehend and request preliminary basic information from individuals who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR;
7. Use vehicles technical equipment and weapons in activities regarding the management of foreigners in accordance with laws and regulations where necessary;
8. Coordinate with other relevant offices and organizations regarding activities related to the management of foreigners;

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9. Summarize and report on the implementation of activities regarding the management of foreigners to the higher authorities; and
10. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Part V

Fees, Service Charges and Budgets

Article 49 Fees and Services Charges

Fees and service charges shall be performed in accordance with the edicts of the President of the Lao PDR promulgated periodically.

Article 50 Budgets

The State provides budgets for activities regarding entry-exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR to ensure the establishment, [and] improvement of basic infrastructure, develop and strengthen technical works.

Part VI

Prohibitions

Article 52 Prohibitions for Immigration Officers and Foreigner Management Police Officers

Immigration officers and foreigner management police officers are prohibited from the following behaviour:

1. Abuse rights and authorities for personal gain;
2. Use rights and duties outside the scope provided under law;
3. Delay procedures, and document processing; and
4. Act impolitely;

In addition to the prohibitions provided above, officers are prohibited from prohibitions provided in the Law on Public Security Forces.

Article 52 Prohibitions for Foreigners and Stateless Persons

Foreigners and stateless persons are prohibited from any of the following behaviour:

1. Enter and exit the Lao PDR illegally;
2. Use or falsify the documents of another person;
3. Stay in accommodation other than accommodation stipulated by the authorities or overstay the period of authorization;
4. Provide illegal benefits to officers;
5. Operate businesses, work, undertake an occupation or undertake any activity in the Lao PDR without authorization;
6. Enter prohibited areas as designated by the authorities;
7. Marry Lao citizens without authorization;
8. Use passports or border passes to exit in excess of the period determined;
9. Violate social peace, safety and national security;

10. Violate the fine traditions and culture of the nation; and
11. Other behavior in violation of laws and regulations.

Article 53 Prohibitions for Lao Citizens, Aliens and Social Organizations

Lao citizens, aliens and social organizations are prohibited from the following behaviour:

1. Illegally enter-exit the Lao PDR;
2. Cooperate with, and facilitate foreigners and stateless persons to violate the laws and regulations and fine traditions of the Lao PDR;
3. Lease business, land, house and business operation documents to foreigners and stateless persons without the authorisation of the competent authorities;
4. Provide benefits to officers illegally;
5. Marry foreigners, aliens, and stateless persons without authorization;
6. Use travel documents of other people or falsify travel documents;
7. Hire foreigners and stateless persons without authorization; and
8. Other behavior in violation of laws and regulations.

Part VII

Resolution of Violations Of Laws and Regulations of the Lao PDR

Chapter 1

Prosecution of Violators

Article 54 Investigations and Interrogation

When it is discovered that Lao citizens, aliens, foreigners and stateless persons have violated Lao PDR entry and exit regulations, immigration officers shall gather preliminary information and where necessary may apprehend violators temporarily for a period of 48 hours and seize documents, materials, items and vehicles related to the violation, and compile case documents and deliver to investigation and interrogation officers to proceed with prosecution in accordance with laws and regulations.

When it is discovered that foreigners, aliens and stateless persons have violated the foreigner management regulations of the Lao PDR as provided in this Law, foreigner management police officers shall gather preliminary information and may apprehend violators temporarily where necessary where necessary for a period of 48 hours and seize documents, materials, items and vehicles related to the violation and compile case documents and deliver to investigation and interrogation officers to proceed with prosecution in accordance with laws and regulations.

Regarding the prosecution of foreigners and stateless persons who are tourists, the tourist police shall perform in accordance with Paragraphs one and two of this Law.

Article 55 Responsibilities of Officers Involved in the Prosecution of Aliens, Foreigners and Stateless Persons

Immigration officers, foreigner management police officers, tourist police and officers involved in the prosecution of foreigners, aliens and stateless persons shall report to the Immigration

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Department and the Foreigner Management Police Department within 48 hours and such Departments shall notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In the event of the death of foreigners, aliens and stateless persons the local police where the death occurred shall notify the Immigration Department or the Foreigner Management Police Department within 24 hours and request the opinion of the higher authorities or relevant authorities in accordance with regulations.

Part 2

Removal of Foreigners, Aliens and Stateless Persons from the Lao PDR

Article 56 Foreigners, Aliens and Stateless Persons that will be Removed from the Lao PDR

Foreigners, aliens and stateless persons who are to be removed from the Lao PDR are as follows:

1. Individuals who have completed punishment;
2. Individuals who have been pardoned;
3. Individuals who enter the country illegally;
4. Individuals who arrive with invalid documents; and
5. Individuals who violate the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR upon performance of Item 3, Article 13 of this Law.

The procedures for repatriation shall be performed in accordance with international treaties and conventions to which the Lao PDR is a State Party.

Article 57 Removal of Foreigners, Aliens and Stateless Persons from the Lao PDR

The Ministry of Public Security in cooperation with other relevant authorities shall be responsible for the removal of foreigners, aliens and stateless persons from the Lao PDR.

The removal of foreigners who are protected by conventions to which the Lao PDR is a signatory or state party shall be performed through diplomatic procedures.

Article 58 Expenses for the Removal of Violators of Laws and Regulations from the Lao PDR

Persons who are to be removed from the Lao PDR shall be responsible for the travel expenses.

Individuals, legal entities and organizations which bring in foreigners, aliens and stateless persons into the Lao PDR shall be responsible for the expenses for the removal of such individuals from the Lao PDR.

Part VIII

Management and Inspection of Activities Regarding Entry and Exit, and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

Chapter 1

Management of Activities Regarding Entry and Exit, and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

Article 59 Organizations Responsible for the Management of Activities Regarding Entry and Exit, and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

The Government of the Lao PDR manages activities regarding Entry and Exit and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR in a centralized and unified manner nationwide by assigning the Ministry of Public Security as directly responsible and responsible for coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, other sectors and relevant local administration authorities for implementation.

Organizations for the management of activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR comprise:

1. The Ministry of Public Security;
2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
3. The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare; and
4. Other relevant sectors and local administration authorities.
5. Local administration authorities.

Article 60 Rights and Duties of the Ministry of Public Security

In the management of activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR, the Ministry of Public Security has the following rights and duties:

1. Study and establish strategic plans relating to activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR to be submitted to the Government for consideration;
2. Advertise and disseminate laws and regulations regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR;
3. Direct registration, manage statistics, monitor, inspect the movements of foreigners, aliens and stateless persons;
4. Direct, lead, command, manage, monitor, inspect immigration officers, foreigner management police officers and tourist police officers nationwide;
5. Study and provide opinions on marriage applications between Lao citizens, foreigners, aliens and stateless persons;
6. Study, issue or cancel permanent residency permits of foreigners and stateless persons in the Lao PDR;
7. Provide vehicles, budgets, modern weapons and technical equipment and sufficient budgets;
8. Direct the forensic examination of crime scene and bodies of foreigners, aliens and stateless persons;
9. Create, improve and upgrade the technical knowledge of employees and fighting forces regarding entry and exit and management of foreigners activities;
10. Cooperate, consult with, study important activities and resolve issues relating to foreigners and stateless persons in the Lao PDR;
11. Cooperate with foreign and international organizations relating to activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR;

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12. Summarize and report on the implementation of activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners to the Government regularly; and
13. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 61 Right and Duties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In the management of activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the following rights and duties:

1. Advertise and disseminate laws and regulations regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR within the scope of its responsibilities;
2. Issue, cancel or withdraw diplomatic passports, civil servant passports and ordinary passports and other travel documents of citizens of the Lao PDR;
3. Issue and cancel visas for foreigners and stateless persons who have damaged, lost or had their passports stolen after replacement with a new passport;
4. Issue and cancel multiple entry visas for foreigners and stateless persons;
5. Study and provide opinions on marriage applications between Lao citizens, foreigners and stateless persons;
6. Study and provide opinions on applications for permanent residency in the Lao PDR by foreigners and stateless persons;
7. Amend or cancel all categories of visa issued by embassies, consulates and consular offices of the Lao PDR abroad and immigration border checkpoints issued to foreigners and stateless persons;
8. Direct embassies, consulates of the Lao PDR abroad in respect of extension, cancelation, withdrawal, amendment or additions to all categories of passports of the Lao PDR, visa unity at international border checkpoints nationwide regarding the issue of Lao PDR entry and exit visas;
9. Direct the issue of identification cards to embassy staff, heads and deputy heads of representatives of the United Nations Organization, head and deputy heads of international organizations in the Lao PDR and their family members;
10. Manage technology relating to activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR;
11. Direct, monitor and inspect the implementation of entry and exit visas activities and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR;
12. Create, improve and upgrade the technical knowledge of civil servants in respect of activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR;
13. Raise the standards of passports of the Lao PDR to international standards;
14. Cooperate with foreign and international organizations relating to activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR;
15. Summarize and report on the implementation of activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR; and
16. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 62 Rights and Duties of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare

In the management of activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR, the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare has the following rights and duties:

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1. Advertise and disseminate laws and regulations regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR within the scope of its responsibilities;
2. Direct the management, inspection and compilation of data of foreign labor working in the Lao PDR;
3. Study and authorize quotas for importation, registration and issue of work permits to foreign labor;
4. Determine time-frames for the importation and use of foreign labor;
5. Manage Lao labor who work abroad and foreign labor working in the Lao PDR in cooperation with other relevant sectors at the central and local levels;
6. Create, improve and raise the technical knowledge of employees and civil servants on the management of foreign labor in the Lao PDR;
7. Coordinate with the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the management and resolution of foreign labor;
8. Cooperate with foreign and international and regional organizations relating to the management of foreign labor; and
9. Summarize and report on the implementation of the management of foreign labor to the Government regularly; and
10. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 63 Rights and Duties of Other Sectors and Local Administration Authorities

In the management of entry and exit activities and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR, other relevant sectors, such as the Ministry of Education and Sport, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Public Health and relevant local authorities have the following rights and duties in accordance with their roles as follows:

1. Direct the registration and management of foreigners and stateless persons;
2. Notify lists of foreigners and stateless persons to the Public Security Sector;
3. Coordinate with the Public Security Sector and Provincial and City Foreign Affairs Sectors for the resolution of issues relating to foreigners and stateless persons who violate laws and regulations;
4. Issue marriage certificates between Lao citizens and aliens, foreigners and stateless persons; and
5. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Article 64 Responsibilities of Individuals and Legal Entities

Individuals and legal entities involved with foreigners and stateless persons have the following rights and duties:

1. Manage foreigners and stateless persons under their responsibilities from the date of arrival until the date of departure from the Lao PDR;
2. Provide lists of foreigners and stateless persons under their responsibilities to the Public Security Sector;

3. Cooperate with the Public Security Sector in the resolution of foreigners and stateless persons who violate the laws and regulations; and
4. Execute other rights and perform other duties as provided in laws and regulations.

Chapter 2

Inspection Organizations of Activities regarding Entry and Exit, and the Management of Foreigners in the Lao PDR

Article 65 Inspection Organizations

Inspection organizations comprise:

1. Internal inspection organizations which are the same organizations as the management organizations regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR as provided in Article 59 of this Law; and
2. External inspection organizations are the Central National Security-Public Security Agency and other relevant organizations as provided in relevant laws.

Article 66 Content of Inspection

Inspection has the following content:

1. The execution of rights and the performance of duties of officers involved in activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR;
2. The implementation of policies and measures against violators of laws and regulations relating to entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR; and
3. Other issues relating to the activities regarding entry and exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR.

Article 67 Forms of Inspection

There are three forms of inspection as follows:

1. Normal planned inspection;
2. Unplanned inspection with advance notice; and
3. Surprise inspection.

There are three forms of inspection as follows:

- Regular inspections which are inspections undertaken according to plan by the various levels of inspection committee;
- Advance notice inspection which is unplanned and undertaken where deemed necessary; and
- Surprise inspection which is an urgent inspection undertaken without prior advance notice.

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Inspection of activities regarding entry-exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR shall be performed in accordance with laws and regulations and in a strict manner.

Part IX

Incentives for Good Performance and Measures Against Violators

Article 68 Incentives for Good Performance

Individuals, legal entities or organisations who implement this Law well will be commended or receive other incentives as provided in regulations.

Employees or police officers who perform their duties well will be commended as appropriate, such as awarded medals of honour, be commended for loyalty, and awarded other medals, certificates, promotions and add responsibilities and other incentives as provided in laws and regulations.

Foreigners, aliens and stateless persons who do good deeds in contributing to activities regarding entry -exit and the management of foreigners in the Lao PDR will be commended in accordance with regulations.

Article 69 Measures Against Violators

Individuals, legal entities or organizations which violate this Law causing damage to society, life, health, the property of others, national security and social order will be educated, fined or prosecuted in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR on a case by case basis.

Article 70 Education

Individuals, legal entities which violate this Law in a slight manner, such as staying in accommodation other than accommodation stipulated by the authorities, tarnished and illegible passports and visas, stay permits or identification cards, unauthorized entry into prohibited areas will be educated and warned.

Article 71 Disciplinary Measures

Employees and officers who violate this Law, such as the prohibitions provided in Article 59 of this Law of a non-serious, non-criminal nature and cause little damage but failed to report or avoid the violations will be disciplined in accordance with regulations.

Article 72 Fines

Individuals, legal entities or organizations which violate this Law shall be fined in the following cases:

1. Entry into and exit from the Lao PDR using invalid travel documents;
2. Failure to enter and exit at officially designated checkpoints;
3. Use of border passes and temporary border passes outside the scope of use;
4. Overstay authorization of stay;
5. Work outside the scope of the official authorization;

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6. Operate businesses or work without authorization;
7. Rent or lease business operation licenses of Lao citizens and aliens illegally;
8. Undertake occupations without authorization or undertake occupations reserved for Lao citizens;
9. Employ foreigners or stateless persons without a labor visa, work permit and stay permit;
10. Failure to notify the accommodation of foreigners and stateless persons;
11. Import unmanaged foreign labor or use of such outside the scope of objectives;
12. Establish a family, cohabitate or marry without an authorized certificate; and
13. Hiding in the Lao PDR.

The fines for each case are covered in separate regulations.

Article 73 Civil Measures

Individuals, legal entities or organisations which violate this Law which endangers the life, health or property of another individual, of the State or the Public shall be liable for such damages.

Article 74 Criminal Measures

Individuals who violate this Law amounting to criminal offences will be prosecuted in accordance with the Penal Code and other laws which provide for criminal punishment

Part X Final Provisions

Article 75 Implementation

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic is responsible for the implementation of this Law.

Article 76 Effectiveness

This Law is effective from the date that the President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic issues the Promulgating Decree and 15 days after publication in the Government Gazette.

Provisions and regulations which contravene this Law are hereby repealed.

President of the National Assembly

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