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Regulation

regarding the technical standard of vehicles and accessories of vehicles which will be obtained the authorization to import for registration and assemble in unit in order to use in the Lao PDR.

- Based on the Land Transport Law;
- Based on the Land Traffic Law;
- Pursuant to Decree No. 66/PM, dated 20 May 1995 regarding the Organization and Activities of the Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction.

The Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction issues a Regulation:

**Chapter I
General Provisions**

Article 1. Objective

This Regulation is issued to determine the details regarding the conditions and technical standard of vehicles that have been authorized to import for registration including accessories that will be authorized to assemble in unit in order to use in the Lao PDR in accordance with Laws and regulations concerned which will be a reference to relevant officers in the management of such importation to be uniform in the entire country.

Article 2. Meaning of Vehicles

Vehicles as provided for in this Regulation are referred to vehicles that running by machine including transportation cars and all sizes of heavy machinery, any type that have structural construction in compliance to the technical standard of the factories of production, have conditions and technical standard as provided in this Regulation.

**Chapter II
Conditions and Technical Standard of vehicles and accessories of vehicles that will be obtained the authorization to import to serve in the Lao PDR**

Article 3. Horse Power and Size of Vehicles

Different types of car transportation which will be obtained the authorization to import to

serve in the Lao PDR shall have a horse power and size as follows:

1. Motorcycle with two wheels, the horse power not exceed 250 cc;
2. Motorcycle , Jumbo, the horse power not exceed 250 cc, touk-touk which the horse power is not exceed 650 cc;
3. Sedan, pick up, jeep, van, bus, rigid truck size not over 12 wheels, trailer; the length, height and width shall be referred according to the technical standard of the factory of production. It is absolutely forbidden to modify;
4. The authorized width of every kind of cars shall not exceed 2, 50 meters.

Article 4. The Maximum Weight of Transportation Car

Every type of transportation car which will be obtained the authorization to import to use in the Lao PDR shall assure the transportation of maximum total weight (empty weight + transported weight) according to regulation related to the maximum total weight No. 849/MCTPC; dated 05/03/2002 issued by the Ministry of Communication, Transportation, Post and Construction.

Article 5. Conditions and Technical Standard of Vehicles

Every kind of transportation cars which will be obtained the authorization to import to use permanently in the Lao PDR shall be equipped the steering wheel on the left hand side.

For the used transportation car that will be obtained the authorization to import shall have condition and the minimum technical standard as follows: having complete technique or there is any modification of the original construction system of the car as it was produced from the factory, can be normally used, having a straight chassis, no impression on body, the body manufacturing not twisted, having safety protection equipment, brakes, front and rear lights, complete signal lights, rear view mirror, have been used not exceed 4 years from the year of production, also having beautiful color and generally having a condition not under 80% or transportation car not be used under 6 years from the date of production by the factory;

- Vehicles with 4 wheels or more every car shall have seat belts.
- For the used heavy machinery shall have a used term not exceed 8 years or used hours not-exceed 20.000 hours.

For example: - The used transportation cars which will be imported in the year 2002 shall be produced in the year 1998.
- The uses heavy machinery which will be imported in the year 2002 shall be produced in the year 1994.

Article 6. Conditions and Technical Standard of Accessories of Vehicles which will be Imported to Assemble in Unit and Use within the Country

Accessories of vehicles which will be obtained the authorization to import by factories to

assemble in different types of vehicles and using in the country shall have conditions and technical standard as follows:

1. All types of accessories of vehicles to be assembled shall be accessories that meet the standard from the factory and shall be obtained a prior technical authorization from the Ministry of Communication, Transportation, Post and Construction.
2. For trailers shall have a proper structure according to the technical standard of the production factory at least shall have bar spring, brakes and complete set of signal light system.
3. The importation of accessories of the engine shall be obtained the authorization from the Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction.
 - For companies that import for distribution shall conclude in details that such engine which will be brought to fix to which car, which registration number, number of the machine, number of the body manufacturing to request the authorization with the Ministry of Communication, Transportation, Post and Construction, then it is authorized to make the registration.
 - For Individuals desiring to import the engine to change, it shall also notify their own car's registration number.

Chapter III

Technical Control of Imported Vehicles and Accessories of Vehicles, Vehicles that have been Assembled or Rehabilitated in the Factories within the Country

Article 7. Inspection of Conditions and Technical Standard of Imported Vehicles and Accessories of Vehicles

The inspection of conditions and technical standard of imported vehicles and accessories of vehicles shall carry out properly in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation and shall be conducted according to procedures as follows:

1. Control at the checkpoint station during the importation by technicians of the Communication, Transportation, Post and Construction division – Actual control including certifying the correctness according to the technical authorization to import the machinery which were registered in the Lao PDR by the Transportation Department, Ministry of MCTPC.
2. Control of correctness during the time before register the license plate of vehicles by technicians of the MCTPC Division or Vehicles Management Division of the province, Vientiane municipality and special zone.

Article 8. Control on Quality of Vehicles Assembled in the Factories within the Country.

Vehicles which were assembled or rehabilitated from factories within the country after finishing, the factory shall certify on the quality (QC) of the vehicles and the Ministry of MCTPC shall certify before the registration.

In the event that some of vehicles fails to meet technical norms in the first time it will obtain the authorization to repair and revise for the imperfection then re-control the technique as the second time that will be deemed as the last time. If under this time of control it does not meet the technical norms again it will receive order to cease the reparation or revision and not obtaining the authorization to use such vehicle and it will be also ordered to dismantle.

Chapter IV Prohibitions

Article 9. Prohibitions on the Importation of Vehicles and Accessories of Vehicles

It is absolutely prohibited to individuals and organizations to have the following acts:

1. To import vehicles and accessories of vehicles without obtaining the authorization;
2. Incorrectly provide data on vehicles or accessories of vehicles that have obtained the authorization to import to the actual conditions on the quantity or technical condition and not in compliance with regulations on the importation as provided for in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Regulation.

Article 10. Prohibitions on the Registration to Use Vehicles

It is absolutely prohibited to employees, civil servants or relevant organizations to register the use of vehicles not in compliance with laws and assembled or rehabilitated cars from the factories in the country that do not meet the control according to the standard or technical norms of quality (QC) as provided for in Article 9 of this Regulation or rules issued by the Ministry of MCTPC.

Chapter V Privileges toward Productive Persons and Measures against Violators

Article 11. Privileges toward Productive Persons

Individuals or organizations who involve in the importation of vehicles and accessories of vehicles in compliance with the conditions and technical standard including those who assemble or rehabilitate of different types of vehicles with efficiency will receive commendation and other privileges as provided for in Laws and other relevant regulations.

Article 12. Measures against Violators

Individual or organization that violates any clause of this Regulation will be fined or criminally punished and maybe imposed to additional penalty depending on the severity of the case.

Article 13. Fine and additional Penalty Measures

Individual or organization that violates any clause of this Regulation will be fined or be imposed to additional penalty such as:

1. Incorrect declaration of documents on the authorized importation of vehicles and accessories of vehicles according to the quantity or conditions and actual technical standard will be fined by two folds of the custom duty-taxes value and be completely adhere to regulations of the customs, then it may import under the conditions that such vehicle and accessories of vehicles are not exceeded the quantity and not in contradiction with conditions and technical standard as authorized to import. If there is some parts are in excess of the quantity or in contradiction to the condition and technical standard as has been authorized or prescribed, it will absolutely not be authorized to import.
2. Bring assembled or rehabilitated vehicles from the factory within the country that are not passed through the control of the permitted technical norms on the second time or the last time to register to use, it will be fined by two folds of the price of such vehicle and shall absolutely not authorize to register.
3. Bring vehicles or accessories of vehicles into the country without passing through the custom's border check point. It will be seized to take legal action.

Article 14. Criminal Measures

Any person having the following acts will be criminally punished:

- Smuggle to import vehicles or accessories of vehicles;
- Complete false documents, falsify documents, use false documents for the importation of vehicles or accessories of vehicles;
- Bring assembled or rehabilitated vehicles from the factory that are not passed through the control as provided according to technical norms at the last time to register for usage;
- Any employee or civil servant who accepts the bribe, power abuse, falsifies documents, opportunistic uses of title, position to seek for personal benefit on the importation of vehicles, accessories of vehicles or the registration of vehicles will be strictly imposed to disciplinary sanction in accordance with the civil servant's rules and will be prosecuted according to the Penal Law.

Chapter VI

Final Provisions

Article 15. Implementation

- The Department of Transportation has the duty to regularly and closely encourage, instruct-monitor and inspect the implementation of this Regulation.
- The provincial, Vientiane municipality and special zone MCTPC's divisions have the duty to coordinate with relevant parties to strictly implement this Regulation.

Article 16. Effectiveness

This Regulation is valid to all vehicles and accessories of vehicles that are obtained the authorization to import into the Lao PDR from the 01 /12 / 2002 onward. Any provisions and regulations which contradict to this Regulation are hereby repealed.

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