



**Lao's People Democratic Republic**  
**Peace Independent Democracy Unity and Prosperity**

Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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Vientiane Capital, dated 11 June 2019

**Decision**

**on the Proclamation of Rule of Origin under ASEAN-Hong Kong, China FTA (AHKFTA)**

- Pursuant to the Presidential Decree of Lao PDR on the ratification of the Free Trade Agreement ASEAN-Hong Kong, China and ASEAN-Hong Kong Investment Agreement, No 174/PM, dated 01 March 2019;
- Pursuant to the Decree on the Organization and Implementations of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, No. 230 / PM, dated 24 July 2017;
- Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decree on Rules of Origin for the import and export of goods, Ref. N. 228/PM, dated 22 April 2010.
- Pursuant to the letter from ASEAN Secretariat, No 136/2019, dated 10 May 2019;
- Pursuant to the proposal letter from Department of Import and Export.

**Minister of Industry and Commerce issues the Decision as follows:**

**Article 1.** The promulgation of the Rule of Origin under ASEAN-Hong Kong, China FTA (AHKFTA) which is including operational certificate procedures: OCP, certificate of origin (AHK Form) and product specific rules: PSR.

**Article 2.** The acquisition of trade privileges under AHKTFA requires a certificate of origin (CO) or AHK Form notify to customs authorities of member countries of the destination. For a product to be eligible for use of the AHK Form, the product shall meet the requirements of certificate of origin as specified in this agreement:

2.1. Wholly Obtained (WO) products that are manufactured or manufactured by using raw materials of the Lao PDR, it refers to product category that can be easily identified by the products natural characteristics particularly are agriculture products, minerals, forest products and others; the products has been mentioned shall automatically comply with the term of its origin;

2.2. All goods manufactured or made without using of raw materials within Lao PDR are manufactured by using imported raw materials or materials from aboard or from sources that cannot be identified or part of them. These goods will be considered as renewable goods when its go through the production process. For the terms of goods go through under AHKFTA is divided into 2 rules: general rule: GR and product specific rule (PSR). There are 02 GR rules: ASEAN-Hong Kong Value Added not less than 40% (Regional Value Content: RVC 40%) or 4 digit changing in tariff code (Changing in Tariff Heading: CTH). For a product specific rule (PSR) items it means that if any of the items listed in the PSR table are only subject to the specific rule of origin in the schedule.

**Article 3.** The Department of Industry and Commerce of the provinces, Vientiane Capital nationwide and Special Economic Zone issuance of Certificate of Origin under AHKFTA or appointed sectors.

**Article 4.** In order to ensure effective implementation this decision, the Department of Import and Export has responsible for providing guidance and disseminate the detailed implementation of this decision.

Article 5. This Agreement is effective from 11 June 2019 onwards.

Minister

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