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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Department of Agriculture

Ref. no 1046/DOA
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Notice

To: Directors of Agriculture and Forestry Office in Provinces and Vientiane Capital nationwide.

Subject: Enhancing strict action procedure for phytosanitary certification of Plants and Plant products being exported from Lao PDR to European Union

- Pursuant to Plant Protection Law No 06/NA, dated 9 December 2008;
- Pursuant to Decree on Implementation of Plant Protection Law No 229/NA, dated 31 May 2012;
- Pursuant to Ministerial Order on Enhancing phytosanitary measures to resolve the problem on warning notice from European Union No 2109/MAF, dated 27/04/2016.

In order to implement the Order of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry No 2109/MAF, dated 27/04/2016 on enhancing phytosanitary measures to comply with the alerts issued by the European Union (EU) with the aim to ensure the export of plants and plant products from Lao PDR to EU complying with phytosanitary import requirements of EU as well as their transparency, **Department of Agriculture issues the notice as follows:**

1. Agriculture sectors in provinces and Vientiane capital shall collaborate with relevant agencies to strictly take following actions:
 - 1.1. Every plant and plant product exported to EU shall be registered its plantation/farm, packing house, and export company with Agriculture Sectors in province and Vientiane capital certified by District Agriculture and Forestry offices (Application form, registration model and etc can be found in the attached documents);

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- 1.2. Export of plant and plant product to European Union must be subjected to inspection and testing of Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) of chemical which shall not exceed the prescribed standard level and contamination of salmonella and Escherichia coli. The reference lab which issues the testing report shall be accredited and certified according to ISO 17025.
 - 1.3. Before issuing phytosanitary certificate, intensive inspection and sampling of actual consignment shall be carried out to ensure non infestation of EU quarantine pests as prescribed in the attached document with the list of quarantine pests based on alerts issued by EU.
 - 1.4. Registration code number of farm, packing house, and export companies shall follow the prescription of Quarantine Division, Department of Agriculture.
2. Agriculture sectors in provinces and Vientiane capital shall take ownership to disseminate the rule and import requirements of plant and plant product by EU for the exporters to increase their awareness and, understanding and be able to comply with the requirements.
3. This notice is effective from the date of signing.

Therefore, this notice is for your information and effective implementation.

Deputy Director-General
Department of Agriculture

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