



# Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade in Lao PDR

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## *Outline*

- Trade Policies;
- Lao PDR Trade Portal;
- Customs Reform and Modernization;
- National Single Window.

## *Trade Policies*

- **Completed WTO accession negotiation.**
- **Commitment to the ASEAN Economic Community in 2015.**
- **Trade Facilitation .**
  - ❑ Approved Trade Facilitation Strategic Plan 2011-2015 in 2011;
  - ❑ Established Trade Facilitation Secretariat (TFS) in 2010;
  - ❑ Establishing Lao PDR Trade Portal launched in June 2012.

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## ***Lao PDR Trade Portal***

- Enable Compliance with Article X of GATT; Article 13 ATIGA;
- Transparency of trade information;
- Tangible cost savings for the trade.
- A key initiative of Lao PDR to facilitate trade.



## What is the Lao PDR Trade Portal?

- A single stop point for all information relating to import/export and transit in Lao PDR;
- A website that contains all regulatory trade related information, i.e.
  - ❑ All laws, regulations and other legal instruments;
  - ❑ All license and permit requirements, prohibitions, restrictions, technical standards, SPS measures;
  - ❑ Entire commodity classification and tariffs;
  - ❑ All procedures for license/permit application and clearance;
  - ❑ Copies of all forms.
- All information is indexed, cross-referenced and dynamically presented.



# Customs Reform and Modernization

- Implementation of Asycuda World;
  - ❑ Live in Vientiane capital;
  - ❑ Currently being rolled out country wide.
- New Customs law in force from April 2012.
  - ❑ Conformant with WTO valuation;
  - ❑ Allows electronic transactions.

*(Source: Customs department)*

## Next Steps

- Currently developing New simplified model of operation for all permit and license issuing agency
  - ❑ Rationalization and simplification of process;
  - ❑ Harmonization of data;
  - ❑ Leveraging automation;
  - ❑ Elimination where possible of paper documents.
- Will lead to the Lao National Single Window...



## Lao National Single Window

- ASEAN commitment in order to establish the NSW by 2012;  
The Programme started in October with team of international consultants working with Customs and all other agencies to:
  - ❑ Develop Functional and Technical Specifications;
  - ❑ Operational Model;
  - ❑ Legal Basis;
  - ❑ Capacity Building and change management plan;
  - ❑ Technology Architecture.
- Commitment to ASEAN in order to join ASEAN Single Window

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