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## **Progress on establishment of Lao National Single Window**

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# I. Background

- The Government of Lao PDR committed to establishing a national single window.
- The Agreement to Establish and Implement the ASEAN Single Window (“ASW Agreement”) and
- The Protocol to Establish and Implement the ASEAN Single Window (“ASW Protocol”), signed by ASEAN Ministers in December 2005 and December 2006.
- This commitment was also expressed in the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint signed by ASEAN Leaders on November 20, 2007.

## II. Progress of Lao NSW

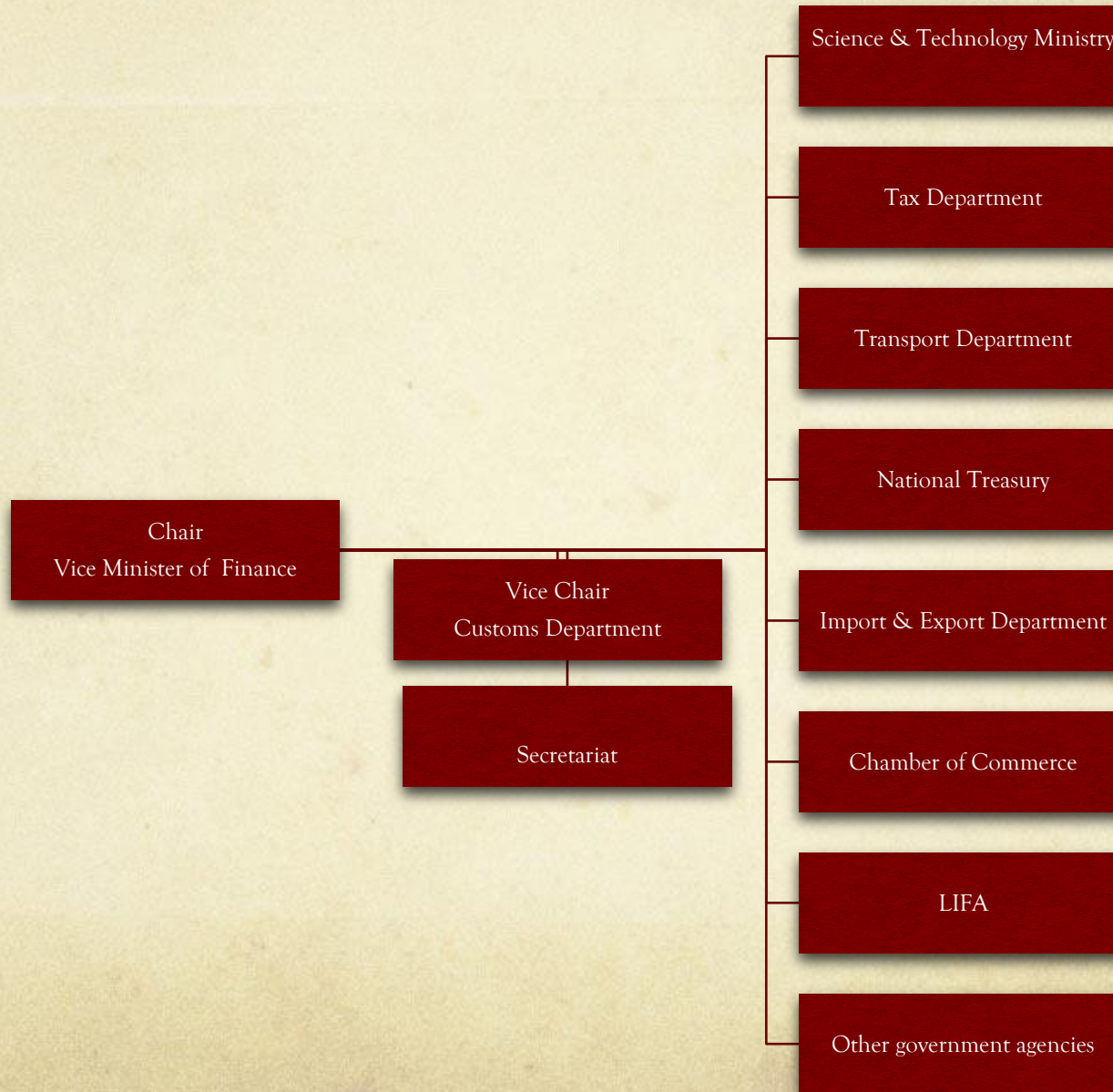
- Set up the Lao National Single Window Steering Committee, chaired by Vice Minister of Finance;
- Set up the National Single Window Secretariat;
- Customs Department is the NSW lead agency;
- Conducted legal gap analysis in 2011;
- Conducted 2 National Single Window Workshops for Customs, government agencies and private sectors.



### III. Mechanism and Road Map Development

- In May 2012, finished the final draft of Roadmap on establishment of Lao National Single Window with the recommendations;

# Lao NSWSC Structure





## IV. Concession agreement

- In 28 January 2013, the government signed a concession agreement with BUREAU VERITAS BIVAC on establishment and operation of LNSW;
- In March 2013, the company conducted a survey at some of Customs border checkpoints, visited government agencies and private sector;
- In the negotiation process on 2 additional agreements such as Supplemental Agreement to the Concession Agreement for the Implementation of NSW and Joint Venture Agreement.

Thank you for your attention