

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

The Office of the Prime Minister

No. 66/PM

**DECREE ON
THE QUARANTINE OF PLANTS
IN THE LAO P.D.R.**

- Pursuant to the Council of Ministers' Decree no. 01/81; issued on 20/07/1992.
- Pursuant to the resolution of the 1991 Annual Conference of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, No. 04/MOAF; issued on 20/03/1992.

The Prime Minister hereby declares

Article 1: Plant quarantine is a means of controlling and protecting the quality of agricultural and forestry resources by:

1. Preventing or prohibiting the introduction and dissemination of dangerous and previously unknown plants into the Lao P.D.R.
2. Checking that plants, agricultural produce and forestry products for export are free from pests, especially those pests which are controlled in other countries.
3. Ensuring that the movement of plants, agricultural produce and forestry products within the Lao PDR, and the export or import of such goods is in keeping with international principles.

Article 2: The Department of Agriculture and Agricultural Extension of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is given the responsibility for the inspection and issue of a Phytosanitary Certificate for plants, and agricultural produce, including all those constituent parts of plants, and forestry products for export from the Lao PDR to countries abroad.

Article 3: Any plants, agricultural produce, forestry products or items made of plants, agricultural produce or of forestry products, including any parts of such materials, must be inspected and passed by the Quarantine Checkpoint before they can be imported into the Lao PDR.

Article 4: All plants, agricultural produce and forestry products, including any parts of these, which are intended for importation into the Lao PDR must have a Phytosanitary Certificate and an Import Permit.

Article 5: All types of plants, including their parts, which are to be imported to the Lao PDR for scientific research or experiment must have an Import Permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Article 6: If any plants, agricultural produce, or forestry products, including parts of these or items containing these materials, intended for export or import, are found on examination to be infected with disease, or are suspected of such infection, then they must be steam-sterilized, or placed in quarantine, in order to identify the disease. The details of these procedures are given in the Regulations on the Quarantine of Plants issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. In the event that the inspecting officers find prohibited plant diseases, the produce or products must be returned or destroyed.

Article 7: If any companies, joint venture companies or individuals contravene these regulations they will be warned, fined, evidence taken or they may be prosecuted, depending on the severity of the offence.

Article 8: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is hereby given the responsibility for the implementation of the Regulations on Plant Quarantine and for the establishment of quarantine sites.

Article 9: This decree on the Quarantine of Plants is applicable throughout the whole of the Lao PDR and will become effective from the date of signing.

Vientiane, dated 21/03/1993

The Prime Minister
Khamtay Syphandone