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Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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Decision
on the Procedures for Car Import and Distribution in the Lao PDR

- Pursuant to the Enterprise Law No. 11/NA, dated 09 November 2005;
- Pursuant to the Government's Decree on the Import and Export of Goods No. 114/GoL, dated 06 April 2011; and
- Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decree on the Goods Import Licensing Procedures No. 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009,

The Minister of Industry and Commerce hereby issues the following Decision:

Section 1
General Provisions

Article 1. Purpose

This Decision sets out procedures for car import and distribution in the Lao PDR. This Decision has no purpose to restrict the quantity or value of importation, but only for statistical and import monitoring purposes through the automatic import licensing regime.

Article 2. Definition of Terms

In this Decision, "car" means all the road vehicles with machine as defined in the Lao PDR's Customs Nomenclature as follows: 8701.20; 8701.30.20; 8701.90; 8702; 8703; 8704; 8705 and 8711, except for light road vehicles with three wheels (8704.31).

Article 3. Scope of Application

This Decision applies to the import and distribution of cars in the Lao PDR.

Section 2
Rights and Requirements for Car Import and Distribution

Article 4. Rights and Requirements for Importation of Cars

Any individual, entity and organization located in or outside the Lao PDR has the rights to import cars to the Lao PDR in accordance with relevant laws and regulations of the Lao PDR.

Article 5. Rights and Requirements for Distribution of Cars

Car distribution enterprises registered under Lao PDR law have the rights to distribute cars in the Lao PDR.

Car distribution enterprises shall comply with the following requirements:
1. Be an authorized dealer of an automaker or its subsidiary;
2. Have a showroom or distribution store; and
3. Have after-sale services facilities.

Section 3
Car Import Licensing Procedures

Article 6. Application for Car Import License

The import of cars shall obtain an import license from the Department of Import and Export, Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Article 7. Required Documents for Car Import License Application

Documents required for applying for a car import license are as follows:
1. Application for car import license;
2. Copy of the following:
   - Valid Enterprise Registration Certificate or Concession Registration Certificate (for enterprises located in the Lao PDR); or
   - Valid entreprise registration certificate issued by the competent authority of the relevant country (for enterprises located outside the Lao PDR).

   Any documents in foreign langauge shall be accompanied with its Lao translation as certified by the Notary Office of Lao PDR.

Article 8. Car Import License

The issuance, modification and term of car import licenses shall follow the Goods Import Licensing Procedures No. 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009.

The import license is not transferrable.

Article 9. Fees and Charges

Fees and charges for the issuance and modification of car import licenses shall follow the Presidential Edict No. 03/P, dated 19 November 2008 on "Fees and Services Charges".

Article 10. Provision of Documents upon Actual Importation

Upon actual importation, importers shall provide the following documents to the customs authority:
1. Car import license as issued under this Decision; and
2. Other required documents as per customs regulations.

Section 4
Final Provisions

Article 11. Implementation

Department of Import and Export shall actively coordinate with relevant authorities to implement this Decision accordingly and effectively.

Article 12. Effectiveness

This Decision shall be effective 30 days after the date of signature and replaces Decision on the Administration of Car Import and Distribution in the Lao PDR No. 0919/MOIC.DIMEX, dated 12 May 2009.

Minister of Industry and Commerce,

[Signed and sealed]
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