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**National Workshop on Import Licensing and Notifications**

16 – 18 July 2019

Venue: Meeting Room of Ministry of Industry and Commerce (tbc)

Vientiane,

Lao DPR

Program

**DAY 1: Tuesday ( 16 July)**

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:15 Opening Session:

- Opening *Remarks by DDG/DG of Department of Foreign Trade Policy*

*- Remarks by WTO speakers*

09:15 – 09:30 **Pre-Workshop Quiz**

09:30 - 10:30 **Session 1: Overview of the Agreement of Import Licensing Procedures**

10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 12:00 **Session 2: Introduction of Notification provisions of the Agreement: Article 1.4(a), 8.2(b), Article 5.1-5.4, and Article 7.3.**

*12:00- 13:30 Lunch break*

13:30 – 14:30 **Session 3: How to use the WTO Website to retrieve import licensing documents and other WTO related information**

14:30 - 14:45 *Coffee break*

14:45 – 16:00 **Session 4: Lao's Import Regulation Regime: Status Quo and challenges ahead (policy discussions)**

16:00 Close of the day.

**DAY 2: Wednesday (17 July)**

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 5: Case study and Hands-on exercise: how to prepare notifications under Article 1.4(a) and 8.2(b); and under Article 5.1-5.4 of the Agreement.**

10:30 -- 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 12:00 **Session 6: Case study on WTO Members' notifications under Article 7.3 (Reply to the Annual Questionnaire).**

12: 00 – 13:30 Lunch *break*

13: 30 – 14:30 **Session 7: Hands-on exercise: prepare and update Lao's new notifications under Article 7.3.**

14:30 -- 14:45 *Coffee break*

14:15 – 16:00 **Session 8: Prepare/update Lao's new notification under Article 7.3 with templates provided by the Secretariat.**

16:00 Close of the day.

**DAY 3: Thursday (18 July)**

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 9: Presentations by participants on reply to the Annual Questionnaire on selective products**

10:30 - 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 11:45 **Session 10: Wrap-up Session (Q&A, Final Quiz and Evaluation)**

11:45 – 12:15 **Closing Ceremony**

12:15 Close of the workshop.

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Reading Materials:

* *WTO Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures;*
* *WTO Documents G/LIC/2, G/LIC/3, G/LIC/4, G/LIC/28 etc.*

Lecturers from the WTO:

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