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Ministry of Public Security  
General Department of Public Security  
Department of Immigration

No: 703/DOI  
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**Notification Letter**

**To: International Border Checkpoints Entire the Country.**  
**Subject: Strengthening the Immigration measures on Entry-Exit**  
**Management the Lao PDR during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

- Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Order No 06/PM, dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 on reinforcement measures on containment, prevention and full response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Pursuant to the Agreement of Minister of Public Security No 084/MPS, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 on the Implementation and the Function of Department of Immigration of Lao PDR;
- Pursuant to the Direction of Board of General Department of Public Security, Ministry of Public Security, dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The Department of Immigration has the honour to inform that: the current situation of COVID-19 pandemic continues spread on the rise with nearly all countries in the world affected. The number of infected patients and the death toll of the virus also continue to rise on a daily basis. In the Lao PDR, the infected cases have eventually occurred in the country and there is a risk of the outbreak nationwide. In order to raise the level of prevention and containment aimed at a quick response to the outbreak. The Department of Immigration has implement the strictly immigration measures on permission to entry-exit the Lao PDR of Lao citizens, Aliens, Foreigners and Stateless people through the International Border Checkpoints entire the country, as following instruction:

**I. Entry-Exit of Lao citizens and aliens.**

**1. Arrival:**

- Permission to entry into the Lao PDR for who are holding Diplomatic and Official passports and International Organizations for oversea mission with essentials assignment of

related authorities, also must strictly abiding the procedures and Health Sector's Instruction at Arrival and Departure;

- Person has permitted to exit from in front of the border checkpoint are allowed to enter into the Lao PDR but must have the Health Declaration Certificate of the departure country also must strictly follow the procedures and Health Sector's Instruction at arrival;

- Permission to entry into the Lao PDR for persons who are intent to travel with the purposes for freight shipment is allowed to enter only 03 people included driver and accompaniers, each person must have the Health Declaration Certificate of the departure country also must strictly follow the procedures and Health Sector's Instruction when arrive.

## **2 Departure:**

- Permission to exit from the Lao PDR for persons who are holding Diplomatic and Official passports and International Organizations for oversea mission with essentials assignment of related authorities, also must strictly abiding the regulations of Health Sector of the destination country;

- Permission to exit from the Lao PDR for a freight shipment is allowed to exit only 03 people included driver and accompaniers, but must strictly follow the Laws and Regulations of Health Sector at departure and destination checkpoints;

- Person is intent to exit the Lao PDR for health treatment is allowed (only emergency cases) but not over 04 people included patient;

- Prohibition to the person, who is intent to travel for the following purposes such as traveling, visiting, official mission, a business that are not necessary and etc...;

- Pursuant to Article 13 of the Law on Immigration and Foreigner Management of The Lao PDR.

## **II. Entry-Exit of Foreigners and Stateless people.**

### **1 Arrival:**

- Permission to entry into the Lao PDR for persons who are holding Diplomatic, Official passports and International Organizations with essentials assignment from their own authorities and must strictly follow the procedures and Health Sector's Instruction;

- Persons who have all types of visas granted and visa waivers bilateral, unilateral are not allowed to travel into the Lao PDR in line with the Prime Minister's Order No 06/PM, dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020; except traveling with the following purposes such as freight shipment, utensils and consumables, shipping oil and essential shipments (not over 03 persons for freight truck included driver and accompaniers) by Immigration officers join with related sectors to inspect the items to be shipped and medical certificate required of departure country also must strictly follow the procedures and Health Sector's Instruction at arrival;

- Pursuant to Article 12 of the Law on Immigration and Foreigner Management of The Lao PDR.

## 2 Departure:

- Permission to exit the Lao PDR for persons who are holding Diplomatic and Official passports and International Organizations with essentials assignment from their own authorities, also must strictly follow the regulations of Health Sector of the destination country;
- Permission for the person who wants to exit the Lao PDR must have Health Declaration Certificate to identify their citizens to return to their country of origin from embassy, consular through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR;
- Pursuant to Article 13 of the Law on Immigration and Foreigner Management of The Lao PDR.

This notice has replaced the notice No 661/DOI, dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and enters into force from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020. In case of any changes, the government will give further notice.

Therefore, it is advisable for you to strictly implement this notice.

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