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LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

Ministry of Public Works and Transport — No. 28579/MPWT

Vientiane Capital, 17 November 2026

INSTRUCTION
on Entry into and Exit from Dry Ports

- Pursuant to the Decree on the Organisation and Activities of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport No. 677/PM, dated 21 December 2021;
- Pursuant to the Decree on Dry Ports No. 298/GOV, dated 05 June 2024;
- Pursuant to the transport agreements to which the Lao PDR is a party;
- Pursuant to the Proposal of the Department of Transport No. 22854/DOT, dated 21 September 2026;
- Pursuant to the approval of the 19th Meeting of the Minister and the Party Standing Committee of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport on technical matters, held on 4 November 2026.

The Minister issues the following Instruction:

I. Objectives

To elaborate on Article 14 (Entry into and Exit from Dry Ports) of the Decree on Dry Ports No. 298/GOV, dated 05 June 2024, and to facilitate goods transport vehicles as provided for in the treaties and international agreements on road transport to which the Lao PDR is a party, in a manner that is detailed, clear and easy to understand, so that it can be implemented uniformly throughout the country;

To ensure that state organisations at all levels with management responsibilities, dry port developers, investors in business activities within dry port areas and transport operators have a correct, complete and thorough understanding of the entry into and exit from dry ports by goods transport vehicles, so as to ensure uniformity and to provide a basis for implementation.

II. Content

1. Article 14: Entry into and Exit from Dry Ports

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport determines the roads and the vehicles entering and exiting dry ports, and the goods transport routes to the destination points of multimodal transport, in accordance with the treaties and international agreements to which the Lao PDR is a party, as follows:

1.1. Foreign transport vehicles delivering goods

Foreign transport vehicles delivering goods shall comply with the following:

1) Submit advance transport information and carry all relevant vehicle documents in accordance with the agreements and international treaties on transport to which the Lao PDR is a party;

2) Present inbound documents to the immigration police officers and customs officers stationed at the dry port, in accordance with the specific conditions of each dry port;

3) Drivers shall take their vehicles to the designated physical cargo inspection area and wait for inspection in accordance with customs regulations;

4) Transport vehicles delivering goods whose routes and destinations are not specified in the treaties and international agreements on road transport to which the Lao PDR is a party shall swap tractor units and trailers and transship the goods at the dry port. Transshipment and the swapping of tractor units and trailers shall be carried out in accordance with the rules of the dry port.

1.2. Foreign transport vehicles collecting goods at dry ports

Foreign transport vehicles collecting goods at dry ports shall comply with the following:

1) Submit advance transport information to the dry port, including confirmed details of the goods and the exporter, the vehicle documents and other relevant documents, accurately and completely, in accordance with the agreements and international treaties on road transport to which the Lao PDR is a party;

2) Present inbound documents to the immigration police officers and customs officers stationed at the dry port, in accordance with the specific conditions of each dry port;

3) Drivers shall take their vehicles to the designated physical cargo inspection area and wait for the goods to be loaded onto the vehicle and for inspection in accordance with customs regulations;

4) After receiving the goods, present outbound documents to the immigration police officers and customs officers, in accordance with the specific conditions of each dry port.

2. Goods transport vehicles entering and exiting dry ports

The types and standards of goods transport vehicles permitted to enter and exit dry ports where state agencies (immigration and customs) are stationed, in accordance with the specific conditions of each dry port, are as follows:

No.	Vehicle type	Dimensions			Wheels	Axles
		Width (m)	Height (m)	Length (m)		
1	Rigid (single-unit) truck	Max. 2.50	Max. 4.50	Max. 12.20	4 to 12	2 to 4
2	Semi-trailer truck	Max. 2.50	Max. 4.50	Max. 16.00	10 to 22	3 to 6
3	Trailer	Max. 2.50	Max. 4.50	Max. 16.00	4 to 12	1 to 3
4	Fuel tanker truck	Max. 2.50	Max. 4.50	Max. 12.20	8 to 12	2 to 4

No.	Vehicle type	Dimensions			Wheels	Axles
		Width (m)	Height (m)	Length (m)		
5	Chemical or liquid transport truck	Max. 2.50	Max. 4.50	Max. 12.20	8 to 12	2 to 4

Note: Vehicle types No. 4 and No. 5 that have completed document clearance at the international border checkpoint of origin are not required to enter a dry port.

3. National roads and goods transport routes

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport determines the goods transport routes in accordance with the bilateral and multilateral road transport agreement frameworks to which the Lao PDR is a party, via international border checkpoints, as set out in the following tables:

3.1. Lao–Thai routes

No.	National road	Origin	Via	Destination
1	Road No. 3	Houayxay	Namtha	Boten (Lao–China border)
	Road No. 1	Namtha	Oudomxay	Muang Khoua (Lao–Viet Nam border)
2	Road No. 13 North	Oudomxay	Luang Prabang – Vientiane – Paksan – Thakhek – Savannakhet – Pakse	Veunkham (Lao–Cambodia border)
3	Road No. 8	Bolikhamxay	Lak 20 (Lak Xao)	Nam Phao (Lao–Viet Nam border)
4	Road No. 9	Savannakhet	Xeno – Muang Phine – Xepon	Densavanh (Lao–Viet Nam border)
5	Road No. 10	Vangtao		Pakse
6	Road No. 12	Thakhek	Mahaxay – Nyommalath	Cha Lo (Lao–Viet Nam border)
7	Road No. 13 South and Road No. 18	Pakse		Attapeu (Lao–Viet Nam border)

3.2. Lao–Cambodia routes

No.	National road	Origin	Via	Destination
1	13 South	Nong Nok Khiene border checkpoint	Pakse – Savannakhet – Thakhek – Paksan	Vientiane Capital
2	13 North	Vientiane Capital	Luang Prabang – Oudomxay – Nateuy	Boten (Lao–China border checkpoint)
3	13 South	Nong Nok Khiene border checkpoint	Pakse – Road No. 16 Pakse	Vangtao (Lao–Thai border)

No.	National road	Origin	Via	Destination
4	13 South	Nong Nok Khiene border checkpoint	Pakse – Road No. 16A: Pakse–Attapeu – 18B: Attapeu	Ban Haet (Lao–Viet Nam border checkpoint)
5	13 South	Nong Nok Khiene border checkpoint	Pakse – Savannakhet – Road No. 9 Xeno	Densavanh (Lao–Viet Nam border checkpoint)
6	13 South	Nong Nok Khiene border checkpoint	Pakse – Savannakhet – Thakhek – Road No. 12 Thakhek–Nyommalath	Thong Kham (Lao–Viet Nam border checkpoint)

3.3. Lao–Viet Nam routes

No.	Lao checkpoint		Vietnamese checkpoint	
	Checkpoint	Road	Checkpoint	Road
1	Pang Hok (Phongsaly Province)	2E	Tay Trang (Dien Bien Province)	National Highway 279
2	Ban Dan (Houaphanh Province)	6B	Chieng Khuong (Son La Province)	Provincial Road 105
3	Pa Hang (Houaphanh Province)	6B	Long Sap (Son La Province)	National Highway 43
4	Nam Soy (Houaphanh Province)	6A	Na Meo (Thanh Hoa Province)	National Highway 217
5	Nam Kan (Xiengkhouang Province)	7	Nam Can (Nghe An Province)	National Highway 7
6	Nam Phao (Bolikhamxay Province)	8	Cau Treo (Ha Tinh Province)	National Highway 8
7	Na Phao (Khammouane Province)	12	Cha Lo (Quang Binh Province)	National Highway 12A
8	Densavanh (Savannakhet Province)	9	Lao Bao (Quang Tri Province)	National Highway 9
9	La Lay (Salavan Province)	15	La Lay (Quang Tri Province)	Provincial Road 15
10	Dak Ta Ok (Sekong Province)	16B	Nam Giang (Quang Nam)	National Highway 14D
11	Phou Keua (Attapeu Province)	18	Bo Y (Kon Tum Province)	National Highway 40
12	Na Son (Luang Prabang Province)		Huoi Puoc (Dien Bien Province)	
13	Kou Tai (Salavan Province)		Hong Van (Thua Thien Hue)	
14	Somvang (Houaphanh Province)	6B	Ten Tan (Thanh Hoa Province)	

No.	Lao checkpoint		Vietnamese checkpoint	
	Checkpoint	**Road**	**Checkpoint**	**Road**
15	Ta Vang (Salavan Province)		A Dot (Thua Thien Hue)	

Translator's note: Lao place names are romanised from the Lao text. Vietnamese border gates are given under their usual Vietnamese names.

For bilateral Lao–China road goods transport routes, the road transport convention between Laos and China shall apply.

The loaded weight of all types of goods transport vehicles operating in the Lao PDR shall strictly comply with the Decision on the Permitted Maximum Gross Weight of Trucks No. 9393/MPWT, dated 13 April 2023.

III. Implementation

The Department of Transport is assigned to take the lead in coordinating with the Departments of Public Works and Transport of Vientiane Capital and of the provinces where dry ports are located, with the international border checkpoints at which public works and transport officials are stationed under appointment by the local administrations, and with other relevant parties, in publicising, disseminating, guiding, monitoring, inspecting and implementing this Instruction with high efficiency and effectiveness.

The public works and transport units stationed at dry ports, dry port developers, investors in business activities within dry port areas, transport operators at each location and other relevant parties shall take note of and cooperate in the strict implementation of this Instruction.

Any difficulties encountered in implementing this Instruction shall be reported to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport through the proper channels for timely study, improvement and resolution.

IV. Entry into Force

This Instruction shall enter into force from the date of its signature.

Minister

Leklai Sivilay

(This is an unofficial English translation provided for reference only. In case of any discrepancy, the Lao-language original shall prevail).

Annex 1

Release Document for Transit Goods Transport Vehicles

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
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ROUTE DESIGNATION FORM FOR FOREIGN GOODS TRANSPORT VEHICLES

- Pursuant to Permit No. ...../DOT of the Department of Transport, dated .....;
- Pursuant to Request No. ..... of the company, dated .....;

The Public Works and Transport Unit stationed at the dry port or international border checkpoint ..... designates the route for the foreign goods transport vehicles of ..... Company, entering the territory of the Lao PDR, totalling ..... vehicles, for the period from ..... to ....., with the following details:

Vehicle registration plate	**Trailer registration plate**	**Number of axles and wheels (vehicle)**	**Number of axles and wheels (trailer)**
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
Vehicle route	**Starting point**	**Transit point(s)**	**Final destination**
Distance (km)			

Note: This document may be used only once by the vehicles specified herein.

Place ..... Date ..... Month ..... Year .....

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Note: Annexes 1 and 2 can be downloaded from the link below:

https://mpwt2023-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/sc2_1_2_2_mpwt2023_onmicrosoft_com/EghmMydSigZDnYyRzWYk_TcB86RlowIKVu8xXmpFXUsqWw?e=sqUaWP