

Lao People's Democratic Republic
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity

Ministry of Industry and Commerce

No 1328/MOIC.ERM

Vientiane Capital, Dated 13 JUL 2015

NOTIFICATION

ATTN:

- Provincial and Capital Industry and Commerce Divisions;
- District and Municipal Industry Offices;
- Domestic and Foreign Business Persons;

RE: List of Reserved Businesses for Lao Citizens (Amended / C 02-2015).

- Pursuant to Article 13 of Decision No. 1005/MOIC.ERM, dated 22 May 2015 On Wholesale and Retail Businesses;
- Pursuant to Item 1 (contents) of the Notification No. 0515/MOIC/DTD, of the Domestic Trade Division, dated 17 June 2015; and
- Pursuant to Proposal Letter of the Office of the Bank of the Lao PDR, No. 685/OBOL, dated 16/10/2013 on the Addition of Pawn Brokers to the List of Reserved Businesses for Lao Citizens.

In order to reserve vital and necessary categories of businesses for the Lao public, ethnic minorities in the operation of business, creation of jobs, generation of stable income, and improvement living standards, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (on the basis of the study of proposals from the relevant sectors), of certain business categories (in List C 01-2013) into (List C 02-2015), hereby notifies the relevant of authorities for acknowledgement and implementation as follows:

1. Reserved categories of businesses for Lao citizens are business categories with a long heritage of the public and ethnic minorities, [being] business categories that do not require a high degree of knowledge or large amounts of capital in the operation of business or certain business which the State wishes to reserve for Lao citizens in order to reserve vital, necessary businesses or businesses that are a national identity to remain with the Lao people, create jobs, generate income and improve the livelihood of the Lao people, ethnic minorities. Lao citizens means individuals as determined in the Law on Nationality;
2. The list of businesses reserved for Lao citizens (List C 02-2015 attached hereto);
3. The authorization or registration of enterprises for individuals or legal entities that are invalid pursuant to this Notification are hereby void, violators shall be responsible before the law;
4. Relevant authorities or sectors shall have detailed and clear legislation on each item of reserved businesses for Lao citizens in order to facilitate implementation.

5. During the period of implementation of this Notification, if the authorities or sectors deem that there are any inconsistencies, wish to add to or remove items from the list should notify the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for future amendment and promulgation; and
6. This Notification replaces Notification No. 1590/MOIC.ERM, dated 26 August 2013 On the List of Reserved Businesses for Lao Citizens.

Notified for acknowledgement and strict implementation

Minister of Industry and Commerce

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List C 02-2015

List of Businesses Reserved for Lao Citizens (Amended)

Sector	ISIC code	Business category	Responsible Authority
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries			
	0230	Collection of forest items or crops (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the exploitation of medicinal natural resources)	MAF, ກຸຊ ຊີວ and MOH
Processing Industry	1312	Textile weaving (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the design, pattern-laying in a traditional Lao fashion)	MOIC and MOICT
	1321	Knitting (this ISIC is reserved specifically for knitting Lao clothing which contains ancient patterns which are a national identity of ethnic minorities)	MOIC and MOICT
	1629	The manufacture of other products from wood, rattan utensils, straw and baskets (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the family-sized processing sectors and wood engraving businesses and such containing ancient national identity patterns of ethnic minorities)	MOIC and MOICT
	1812	Printing services (this ISIC is reserved specifically for printing)	MOICT
	2393	The manufacture of pottery products and other clay-type plates and cups (this ISIC is reserved specifically for Lao handicraft-based pottery products containing ancient national identity patterns of ethnic minorities)	MOICT and MOIC
	3211	The manufacture of decorative adornments and parts (this ISIC is reserved specifically for Lao handicraft-based decorative adornments containing ancient national identity patterns of ethnic minorities)	MOICT and MOIC
	3212	The manufacture of decorative candles and parts (this ISIC is reserved specifically for Lao handicraft-based decorative candles containing ancient national identity patterns of ethnic minorities)	MOICT and MOIC
Provision of Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning			

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	3510	The production, transmission and distribution of electric current (this ISIC is reserved specifically for hydroelectric power projects in the Lao PDR having a production capacity less than 15 megawatts which are non-concession based)	ກຸ ພ
Construction			
	4321	Installation of electricity (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the installation of electricity in buildings)	ກຸ ພ
	4322	Installation of water transmission pipes, heaters and air-conditioners (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the laying of drainage pipes in cities, installation of water supplies and air-conditioning systems in buildings)	MOPWT
Wholesale, and retail trade; car and motorcycle repairs			
G		Wholesale and retail trade, car and motorcycle repairs (This Sector G is reserved specifically for wholesale and retail trade businesses which have a registered capital less than 4 Billion Kip), excluding Code 452 in ISIC Code 4520 in List D 02-2015	MOIC
Transport and warehousing			
	4921	City or urban land passenger transport	MOPWT
	4922	Other land passenger transport (except taxi meter services)	MOPWT
	5221	Daily land passenger transport services (this ISIC is reserved specifically for passenger transport terminals)	MOPWT
Accommodation and food services			
	5510	Short term accommodation (this ISIC is reserved specifically for guest houses, resorts, hotels of 3 stars or less)	MOICT
Information and Communications			
	5813	Printing, newspapers, written articles and magazines	MOICT

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	5819	Other printing operations (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the establishment of printers)	MOICT
	5920	Printing of songs and sound recordings	MOICT
	6010	Radio broadcasting (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the establishment of public radio stations)	MOICT
	6021	Television broadcasting (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the establishment of public television stations)	MOICT
Finance and Insurance			
	6430	Treasuries, funds and other finance mechanisms (this ISIC is reserved specifically for the establishment of treasuries, the establishment of micro financial institutions that do not accept savings, the establishment of credit cooperatives and savings)	BOL
	6492	Other credit and loan facilities (this ISIC is reserved for Pawn Brokers)	BOL
Professional, science and technic			
	7110	Architecture and engineering and provision of relevant technical advice (this ISIC is reserved for specific businesses relating to the provision of survey, design, construction consultancy activities and the installation of Lao historical, natural, cultural architectural and engineering and the design, construction and installation of electric grids and generators from 22kv-35Kv and low 0.4Kv)	MOPWT, MOICT and ກຸ ພູ
	7490	Other professional, science and technic activities not organized at a specific place (this ISIC is reserved specifically for Lao language translation businesses)	MOICT
Support and Management Services			
	7810	Employment recruitment (employment recruitment services)	MOLSW
	7920	Other hospitality operations (this ISIC is reserved specifically for tourism in specific areas)	MOICT
	8121	General Cleaning services in buildings	MOPWT

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Education			
	8522	Technical and professional education (labor skills development centers, except technic-vocational schools, specialized technical colleges in accordance with national curriculums period 2 starting 2011-2015)	MOLSW
	8549	Other education not organized at a specific location (this ISIC is reserved specifically for teaching of Lao language to foreigners)	MOLSW
Human health and social works	8690	Other human health operations (this ISIC is reserved specifically for private specialized health centers, for each category and level nationwide)	MOH
Provision of other services			
	9523	Shoe and leather repairs	MOICT
	9601	Laundry, dry cleaning and animal skin products	MOICT
	9602	Hairdressing and beauticians (not cosmetic surgery)	MOICT
	9603	Funeral and related activities	MOICT
	9609	Premises decoration (this ISIC is reserved specifically for activities related to decoration and lighting systems installation, light, color and sound)	MOPWT MOICT

Remarks:

1. List C 02-2015 (Amended) replaces and cancels List C 01 – 2013;
2. The reserved business in C 02 - 2015 totals 37 activities which have been studied and compiled from proposals of relevant ministries.