

Rules of Origin

Integrated Framework (IF) - Trade-Related Technical Assistance: Window II Capacity Building for MOIC's Department of Import and Export (DIMEX) in Rules of Origin, Product Specific Rule and Operational Certification Procedures

Description

Implementation of the Rules of Origin has been identified as one of the four priority projects by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, to be funded by the Integrated Framework Trust Fund (Window II) managed by UNDP in Geneva. (UNDP supports additional three Window II projects: Strengthening the Integrated Framework National Implement Unit; Capacity Building & Technical Support to Lao PDR in the World Trade Organisation Accession Negotiations, and Support to exports from the garment industry). The purpose of the project is to promote the integration of Laos into the global economy through export growth and increased competitiveness

Main Objectives and Activities

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- Improved capacity of DIMEX to provide services to the private sector
- Improved capacity of the GOL to participate actively in the ASEAN
- Improved efficiency at central and provincial level in administering Rule of Origin (ROO) , Product Specific Rule (PSR), and Operational Certification Procedures (OCP)

Main Activities in 2009

- Detailed training for trade/customs officials and private sectors, both central and provincial level, on the administration and issuance of form A, Form D and other origin certificates and on import/export procedures, market access and rules of origin.
- Finalization of National decree and regulations on Rules of Origin to administer the issuance of the certificate of origin
- Preparation of Working materials and advisory memoranda to facilitate discussion among concerned ministries and stakeholders on ROO, PSR and OCP

Agreement Signed with the Government

<http://www.undplao.org/whatwedo/programmespovred.php>

Key Results, Reports and Publications to date

- Handbooks and leaflets (both Lao and English version) on market access and ROO are being finalized (the book would include: ROO-CEPT, ASEAN CHINA and ASEAN KOREA, OCP- CEPT, ASEAN CHINA and ASEAN KOREA, PSR- CEPT, ASEAN CHINA and ASEAN KOREA)
- The decree on ROO is being finalized
- The training need assessment for the Certificate of Origin unit of the DIMEX was conducted.
- A workshop on issuing and administering the certificate of origin Form D, AK, and E has been organized
- The UNCTAD workshops on Introduction to ROO and Market access; ROO in the context of ASEAN were organized.

Duration

August 2007 to December 2009

Location

Vientiane Capital

Budget

Total budget: USD 149,985

Current year budget: USD \$ 94,994

Partners

Implementing Partner:

- Department of Import and Export (DIMEX), Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Other Partners:

- N/A

Contributing Donors

Window II Trust Fund

Delivery

Expenditure from start date till Oct 2009:
USD 62,700

Thematic Area

Corporate Thematic Area: Poverty Reduction & MDGs

UNDAF Outcome 1: By 2011, the livelihoods of poor, vulnerable and food insecure populations are enhanced through sustainable development (within MDG framework)

CP Outcome 1.5: Enabled environment for growth with equity

CP output 1.5.1: improved advisory and service capability of public and private sector partners in the folds of institutional building and promotion of the domestic private sector with a focus on employment generation and pro-poor growth, and the long-term sustainability of micro, small and medium enterprises, towards a further transition to a market economy

CP output 1.5.2: Enhanced capacity building for service delivery and strengthened negotiation skills and policy advice on trade and poverty policies, including global and regional agreements such as the ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (AFTA), accession to the World Trade Organization and investment promotion (UNCTAD, ITC, UNIDO, UNDP)

Millennium Development Goal

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

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