

LAO PDR – SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

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1. BUSINESS SERVICES			
A. Professional Services			
Legal services, excluding: - Participation in legal proceedings in the capacity of defenders or representatives of their clients before the courts of Lao PDR; - Legal documentation and certification services of the laws of Lao PDR (part of CPC 861)	(1) None (2) None (3) Foreign equity participation limited to 49%.	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound	
(b) Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services (CPC 862)	(1) None (2) None (3) Foreign professional accountants aiming to practise in Lao PDR should submit an application to Ministry of Finance and meet the following conditions: 1. Be a member of any professional organization that is a member of IFAC or of a professional organization of which Lao PDR is a partner; and 2. Certify equivalence of qualifications. Such certificates shall be issued with the approval of the Equivalence Qualification Commission.	(1) None (2) None (3) The majority of directors must be certified accountants who are Lao nationals.	

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	<p>3. Complete a training program and aptitude test on related regulation of Lao PDR, code of ethics and national financial reporting standards co-organised by the Ministry of Finance and the Lao Institute of Certified Public Accountants (LICPA).</p> <p>After 2 February 2020: None except a joint venture with a Lao PDR national accountant who is a full member of the Lao Institute of Certified Public Accountants (LICPA) is required.</p>		

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(c) Taxation consulting services (CPC 863)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
(d) Architectural services (CPC 8671)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
(e) Engineering services (CPC 8672)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
(f) Integrated engineering services (CPC 8673) -	(1) None (2) None (3) Joint venture with Lao services suppliers is required and foreign equity participation limited to 2/3. After 2 February 2018: None.	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
(g) Urban planning and landscape architectural services - (CPC 8674)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	

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B. Computer and Related services	(1) None	(1) None	
Consultancy services related to the installation of computer hardware (CPC 841)	(2) None	(2) None	
Software implementation service (CPC 842)	(3) None	(3) None	
Data base services (CPC 844)			
Data processing services, excluded sensitive data and for non-commercial purpose (CPC 843)			
Other: Maintenance and repair services of computer (Part of CPC 84500)			

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C. Research and Development Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R&D Services on Natural sciences and Engineering (CPC 851) - Research and experimental development services (CPC 852) - Interdisciplinary R&D Services (CPC 853) 	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
E. Rental/Leasing Services without Operators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rental/ Leasing services relating to ships (CPC 83103) - Leasing or rental services concerning construction machinery and equipment without operator (CPC 83107) - Rental/ Leasing services relating to other machinery and equipment (CPC 83106-83109) 	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	

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F. Other Business Services	(1) None	(1) None	
a. Advertising Services (CPC 871)	(2) None (3) None ¹	(2) None (3) None	
b. Marketing research services (CPC 86401)	(1) None (2) None	(1) None (2) None	
c. Management consulting services - General management consulting services (CPC 86501) - Marketing management consulting services (CPC 86503)	(3) None ²	(3) None	
e. Technical testing and analysis services (CPC 8676)	(1) None (2) None (3) Joint Venture only, with foreign equity limited to 51%. After 2 February 2018, foreign equity participation limited to 70%	(1) None (2) None (3) None	

¹ Approval shall be also in accordance with sectoral laws and regulations and Contents shall be approved by the Ministry of Information and Culture of Lao PDR.

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m. Related scientific and technical consulting - Geological, geophysical and other scientific prospecting services (CPC 86751) - Sub-surface surveying services (CPC 86752)	(1) None (2) None (3) As indicated in the horizontal section ³	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound	
n. Maintenance and repair of equipment (not including maritime vessels, aircraft or other transport equipment) (CPC 633+8861-8866)	(1) Unbound, due to lack of technical feasibility (2) None (3) None, shall be joined with local partner	(1) Unbound, due to lack of technical feasibility (2) None (3) None	
o. Building-cleaning services (CPC 874)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound	

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p. Photographic services (CPC 875)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
q. Packaging services (CPC 876)	(1) None (2) None (3) Joint venture with Lao services suppliers is required.	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound	
r. Printing and Publishing (CPC 88442)	(1) None (2) None (3) Joint venture, with minimum 49% foreign equity share	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitment	
o. Specialty design services (CPC 87907)	(1) None (2) None (3) Until 2 February 2018, foreign equity participation is limited to 49%. Thereafter: foreign equity participation limited to 51%.	(1) None (2) None (3) None	

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2. COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES			
A. Postal services (CPC 7511)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
B. Courier Services Multi-modal courier services (CPC 75121)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
C. Telecommunication Services The following services can be supplied only on a facilities basis, for public use, with regard to local and national long-distance services. (a) Voice telephone service (CPC 7521) (b) Packet-switched data transmission services (CPC 7523**) (Electronic message and information services (CPC 75232)) (c) Circuit-switched data transmission services (CPC 7523**) (Data and message transmission services(CPC 7523))	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	

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(d) Telexservices (CPC 7523**)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
(e) Telegraph services (CPC 7522)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
(f) Facsimile services (CPC 7529)			
(g) Private leased circuit services (CPC 7522**+7523**)			
Other: Paging services(CPC 75291)			

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(h) Electronic-mail (CPC 7523**)	(1) None	(1) None	
(i) Voice mail (CPC 7523**)	(2) None	(2) None	
(j) Online information and data base retrieval (CPC 7523**)	(3) None	(3) None	
(k) Electronic data interchange (EDI) (CPC 7523**)			
(l) Enhanced / value-added facsimile services, incl. store and forward, store and retrieve (CPC 7523**)			
(m) code and protocol conversion			
(n) On-line information and / or data processing (incl transaction processing) (CPC 843**)			

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Telecommunication consulting services (CPC 75440)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
Audiovisual Services a. Motion Picture and Video tape production and distribution services (CPC 9611) - Motion Picture Production (CPC 96112 excl. video tape) - Motion Picture Distribution (CPC 96113 excl. video tape) b. Motion Picture Projection service (CPC 9612)	(1) None (2) None (3) Joint venture, with minimum 49% foreign equity share	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound, except as indicate in the horizontal commitment	
Radio and Television Services (CPC 9613) - Radio Services only for production of radio programmes (CPC 96131) - Television Services only for production of TV programmes (CPC 96132)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound, except as indicate in the horizontal commitment	

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3. CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES			
Construction Work for Buildings (CPC 512)	(1) None	(1) None	
Construction Work for Civil Engineering (CPC 513)	(2) None	(2) None	
Assembly and Erection of Prefabricated Constructions (CPC 514)	(3) None	(3) None	
Installation Work (CPC 516)			
Building Completion and Finishing Work (CPC 517)			
Pre-erection Work at Construction Site (CPC 511)	(1) None	(1) None	
Special Trade Construction (CPC515)	(2) None	(2) None	
Rental services related to equipment for construction or demolition of buildings works with operator (CPC 518)	(3) None	(3) None	

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4. DISTRIBUTION SERVICES			
A. Commission agents' services	(1) None	(1) None	
D. Franchising included only for textiles, clothing and footwear (Part of CPC 8929)	(2) None (3) None, except subject to economic needs test. Foreigners need to use a local agent for distribution.	(2) None (3) Foreigners need to use a local agent for distribution.	
B. Wholesale trade services - Wholesale trade services on a fee or contract basis of textiles, clothing and footwear (Part of CPC 622)	(1) None (2) None (3) Joint venture with Lao services providers is required. Foreign equity participation is limited to 49 %. Subject to meeting economic needs test ⁴ .	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound	

⁴ The main criteria include the number of existing service suppliers in a particular geographical area, the stability of market and geographical scale.

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5. EDUCATION SERVICES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The contents of the education curriculum must be approved by the Ministry of Education of Lao PDR and concerned Ministry. - With respect to C and D below, all subjects are allowed, except for teacher training, religious and political 			
A. Primary Education Services (CPC 921)	(1) None (2) None	(1) None (2) None	
B. Secondary education services - Higher Secondary Education Services (CPC 9222)	(3) As per specified in the horizontal section	(3) None. May be subject to economic need test.	
C. Higher education services - Post Secondary Technical and Vocational Education Services (CPC 92310)			

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<p>B. Secondary education services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Secondary Education services (CPC 9221) - Technical and vocational training (Part of CPC 922) <p>C. Higher education services (CPC 923)</p> <p>D. Adult education services (CPC 924)</p> <p>E. Other education services Short term foreign language training (Part of CPC 929)</p>	<p>(1) None</p> <p>(2) None</p> <p>(3) None. Subject to economic need tests⁵.</p>	<p>(1) None</p> <p>(2) None</p> <p>(3) None. May be subject to economic need test.</p>	

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6. ENVIRONMENT SERVICES The scope of commitments extended to services in Vientiane Capital only. Publicly funded services are excluded.			
Sewage Services (CPC 9401)	(1) None	(1) None	
Refuse Disposal Services (CPC 9402)	(2) None	(2) None	
Sanitation and Similar Services (CPC 9403)	(3) None	(3) None	
Cleaning of exhaust gases (Part of CPC 9404)			
Noise abatement services (Part of CPC 9405)			
Nature and Landscape Protection Services (CPC 9406)			

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8. HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES			
Medical and Dental services (CPC 9312)	(1) None	(1) None	
- General and Medical services (CPC 93121)	(2) None	(2) None	
- Specialized Medical services (CPC 93122)	(3) None, except clinics ⁶ , with foreign equity participation limited to 49% foreign equity share	(3) None	
Private hospital services (Hospital with more than 100 beds and modern facilities only) (Part of CPC 93110)	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	

⁶ Medical service consisting in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment by doctors of medicine of physical and/or mental diseases of a general nature, such as consultations, injections (limited and/or periodical), physical check-ups, etc, and small private hospital with less than 100 patient bed.

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9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES			
Hotel lodging services, with 3 stars or more (Part of CPC 641)	(1) None (2) None	(1) None (2) None	
Meal serving services with full restaurant service (CPC 64210)	(3) None	(3) None	
Beverage serving services without entertainment (CPC 64310)			

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B. Travel agencies and tour operators services (CPC 7471)	(1) None	(1) None	
	(2) None	(2) None	
Travel agencies services, in-bound services only (Part of CPC 74710)	(3) Foreign equity participation limited to 70%;	(3) None	
Other: Tourism consulting services	(1) None	(1) None	
	(2) None	(2) None	
	(3) None. Subject to economic need tests.	(3) None	

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11. TRANSPORT SERVICES			
A. Maritime Transport Services			
Passenger transportation (CPC 7211)	(1) None	(1) None	
	(2) None	(2) None	
Freight transportation (CPC 7212)	(3) None	(3) None	
Rental of vessels with crew (CPC 7213)			
Pushing and towing services (CPC 7214)			
Maintenance and repair of vessels (CPC 8868)			
Vessels salvage and re-floating services (not applicable in harbor) (CPC 7454)			
B. Internal Waterway Transport Services			
Passenger transportation (CPC 7221)			
Freight transportation (CPC 7222)			
Rental of vessels with crew			
Maintenance and repair of vessels (CPC 8868**)			

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E. Rail Transport Services			
Passenger transportation (CPC 7111)	(1) None	(1) None	
	(2) None	(2) None	
Freight transportation (CPC 7112)	(3) None	(3) None	
Pushing and towing services (CPC 7113)			
Maintenance and repair of rail transport equipment (CPC 8868**)			
Supporting services for rail transport services (CPC 743)			

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F. Road Transport Services			
Freight transportation (CPC 7123)	(1) None (2) None (3) Foreign equity participation is 100% for domestic transportation For Cross border transportation: joint venture with local service provider(s) is required, with foreign equity limited to 49%	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
Rental of commercial vehicles with operator (CPC 7124)	(1) None (2) None	(1) None (2) None	
Supporting services for road transport services (CPC 744)	(3) Joint venture with Lao services providers is required. Foreign equity participation is limited to 70%.	(3) None	

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Maintenance and repair of road transport equipment (CPC 6112+8867)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the Horizontal Section	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the Horizontal Section	
H. Services auxiliary to all modes of transport⁷	(1) None (2) None (3) None	(1) None (2) None (3) None	
Storage and warehousing services (CPC 742)			

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The AFAS Logistics Priorities include:

1. Maritime cargo handling: CPC 741
2. Storage and warehousing: CPC 742
3. Freight transport agency services: CPC 748 [Freight brokerage services, freight forwarding services (primarily transport organisation or arrangement services on behalf of the shipper or consignee), ship and aircraft space brokerage services, and freight consolidation and break-bulk]
4. Other auxiliary services: CPC 749 [Freight brokerage services; bill auditing and freight rate information services; transportation document preparation services; packing and crating and unpacking and de-crating services; freight inspection, weighing and sampling services; and freight receiving and acceptance including local pick-up and delivery.]
5. Packaging: CPC 876
6. Courier services: CPC 7512** [**includes 'express delivery' services not related to the Post. In Laos's GATS schedule (CPC 7512), 'express delivery' is defined as the 'collection, transport and delivery of documents, printed matter, parcels and/or other goods on an expedited basis, while tracking and maintaining control of these items throughout the supply of this service'. This is distinct from Postal services.]
7. Freight transport under each sector (A, B, E, F in this schedule): CPC 7212 excluding cabotage; CPC 7112, 7123, 7222
8. Customs clearance services (no CPC code)
9. Air freight services (implement ASEAN Multilateral Agreement of the Full Liberalisation of Air Freight Services): separate negotiation and agreement

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Freight agency services (CPC 748)			
Maritime cargo handling (CPC 741)	(1) None	(1) None	
Other auxiliary services (CPC 749)	(2) None	(2) None	
	(3) Unbound	(3) Unbound	

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OTHER SERVICES NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE			
Skill training services(CPC 97090)	(1) None (2) None (3) As per specified in the horizontal section and subject to economic need tests	(1) None (2) None (3) Unbound	