NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Lao People's Democratic Republic  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Food |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** China |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** "Notification" The suspending temporary of importing pork and pork products until this incident has came back to stable condition.  <https://www.laotradeportal.gov.la/kcfinder/upload/files/MAF_Notification-0945_05092018-LA%281%29.pdf>  <https://www.laotradeportal.gov.la/index.php?r=site/display&id=1509>.  **Language(s):** Lao, English. **Number of pages:** 3  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/LAO/18_5138_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Pursuant to Notification 0945/MAF, dated 05 September 2018, there is an outbreak of ASF in [Liaoning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liaoning) province, China. World Organisation for Animal and Health (OIE) reported that ASF is a highly contagious hemorrhagic disease of pigs, the organism which causes ASF is a DNA virus of the Asfarviridae family with high virulence forms of the virus, ASF is characterized by high fever, loss of appetite, haemorrhages in the skin and internal organs, and death in 2-10 days on average. Mortality rates may be as high as 100%.  Therefore, the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry notified as follow:   * Department of Livestock and Fisheries shall coordinate with border checkpoints in order to notify authorities, entrepreneurs, and people for the implementation of this notification. * The provinces bordering with China, for instance, Luang Namtha, Oudomxay and Phongsaly shall stop temporary importing all kind of pork products from China for its domestic consumption. * Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office shall coordinate with concerned sectors in order to plan the need for domestic pig production aims at reducing imports.   In case, inspectors at the border checkpoint found pork products from China, the products will be restrained in accordance with laws and regulations. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** there is an outbreak of ASF in [Liaoning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liaoning) province, China. World Organisation for Animal and Health (OIE) reported that ASF is a highly contagious hemorrhagic disease of pigs, the organism which causes ASF is a DNA virus of the Asfarviridae family with high virulence forms of the virus, ASF is characterized by high fever, loss of appetite, haemorrhages in the skin and internal organs, and death in 2-10 days on average. Mortality rates may be as high as 100%. |
| **9.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [****X] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):**  5 September 2018  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Department of Foreign Trade Policy, Ministry of Industry and Commerce  Phonxay Road, Saysettha district, Vientiane capital  Tel: +(856) 2145 0066  Fax: +(856) 2145 0066  Email: sps-tbt\_notification@laoftpd.com  phetlany@gmail.com  savankham\_ph@hotmail.com |
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