

LAO P.D.R.

TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS

GENERAL NOTES

Registered marks in Laos are protected under the Decree of the Prime Minister on Trademark No. 06/PM dated January 18, 1995. Applications can be filed for registration of trademarks, service marks, collective marks, and figurative marks.

INSTRUCTION NOTES

1. All documents required for filing an application should be submitted to Tilleke & Gibbins.
2. All documents must be prepared in Lao, French or English in printed letters.
3. The following documents must be submitted along with the application for registration:
 - (1) A duly notarized Power of Attorney issued by the applicant (see sample formats on pages 2-3).
 - (2) Twelve specimens of the mark (or a specimen of the mark for Tilleke & Gibbins to prepare the prints at a cost of US\$12 per mark). The size of the prints should not be under 5 cm. or over 10 cm. in height or length.
 - (3) Specification of goods or services to be covered by the application.

4. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

After the application and required documents have been filed, the Science, Technology and Environment Organization will examine the application and issue a notice if additional evidence is required. This must be submitted within 30 days after issuance of said notice. It would be very useful to submit as much evidence of prior use as possible in support of the application. It takes approximately 3 months for an application to be approved for registration if there are no problems with regard to the application.

Upon registration, the Lao Intellectual Property Department will issue a Certificate of Trademark Registration and will publish the result of the registration.

5. PERIOD OF REGISTRATION

The registration of a trademark, service mark, collective mark and/or figurative mark is valid for a period of 10 years. An application for renewal can be made before its expiration.

NOTARIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

(Suggested Contents)

City : _____)

State (Province) : _____) SS:

Country : _____)

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this _____ day of _____, _____, appeared Mr. _____, well known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Power of Attorney, as being the _____

(Title)

of _____

(Name of Corporation/Limited Company)

which is likewise known to me to be incorporated (registered) under the laws of _____

(Place of Incorporation)

and to be actually in existence at this date.

Furthermore, I am aware that the foregoing Power of Attorney was signed on behalf of that Corporation (Limited Company) by authority of its Board of Directors (General Committee) and the said _____

(Name of Signer)

acknowledged that it was so subscribed by him as the free act and deed of that Corporation (Limited Company).

(Signature of Notary Public)

(Notarial Seal)