LAO PDR

**Transparency**
- Publication of regulations on the internet (100%)
- Stakeholder consultations on draft regulations (50%)
- Advance publication of regulation before implementation (0%)
- Independent appeal mechanism
- Advance ruling

**Formalities**
- Acceptance of paper or electronic copies (100%)
- TF measures for authorized operators
- Pre-arrival processing (50%)
- Post-clearance audit
- Separation of Release and Clearance
- Publication of average release times

**Paperless trade**
- E-Customs System (100%)
- E-Payment of duties
- E-Application for Customs refunds
- E-Air Cargo Manifests
- E-Single window
- E-Submission of Customs declarations
- E-Preferential Certificate of Origin

**Cross-border paperless trade**
- Laws for electronic transactions (100%)
- E-letter of credit (50%)
- E-Single window
- E-Submission of Customs declarations
- E-Preferential Certificate of Origin
- Exchange of E-SPS
- Trade-related cross-border electronic data exchange

**Institutional arrangement and cooperation**
- National TF Committee (100%)
- OGAs delegate controls to Customs
- Intra-agency cooperation at national level
- Cooperation between agencies across borders

**Transit**
- Limited physical inspections of transit goods (100%)
- Pre-arrival processing for transit traffic
The level of implementation of trade facilitation measures in Lao PDR (61%) is above the level in Asia-Pacific (46.5%). It also exceeds the level of implementation in South-East Asia (56%). Among the five core groups of trade facilitation measures, the most implemented in Lao PDR are “Institutional arrangement and cooperation” measures (88.9%). The least implemented are “Cross-border paperless trade” measures (22.2%).

Implementation of “Transparency” measures is above both the regional and sub-regional averages. The measures least implemented in this area in Lao PDR are Stakeholder consultations on draft regulations and Advance ruling. Implementation of improved “Formalities” is higher than the regional average, but slightly lower than the sub-regional average. The least implemented measures in this area are TF measures for authorized operators and Acceptance of paper or electronic copies.

In “Paperless trade”, Lao PDR’s implementation is lower than both the regional and sub-regional averages. E-single window, E-Trade licenses, and E- Preferential Certificate of Origin are least implemented.

Lao PDR may focus its trade facilitation efforts in particular on full implementation of “Paperless trade” measures, as well as on moving towards “Cross-border paperless trade”.

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