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Introduction

The objective of the USAID-funded Laos-United States International and ASEAN Integration (LUNA) Project is to support the government of Laos in drafting, analyzing, promulgating, and implementing the array of legal and economic policy reforms and institutional capacity building needed to accomplish the following three objectives:

- Support the effective implementation of the U.S.-Laos Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA);
- Support the timely accession of Laos to the World Trade Organization (WTO); and
- Support Laos in fulfilling its commitments to the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).

The three trade agreements form the pillars for establishing priorities for LUNA activities. These trade agreements have far-reaching impact, not only on commercial activity in Laos, but also on governance and the rule of law. To be most successful, the modernization and deepening of the Lao legal system and the integration of its economy into regional and global markets, which are driven by effectively implementing the trade agreements, should be integral and positive components of Laos' long-term development strategy. Although the mandate for the project is to support implementation of the trade agreements, the more general, and ultimately more important, goal of the project is to help Laos use the trade agreements to lay a strong foundation for sustained, broad-based development, poverty reduction, and strengthened rule of law and governance.

LUNA provides demand-driven support to six line agencies (the Ministries of Industry and Commerce (MOIC), Justice (MOJ), Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Public Health (MOH) and Finance (MOF), and the National Authority for Science and Technology (NAST)), the National Assembly (NA) and the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI). LUNA's technical assistance consists of legal and economic policy analysis, comments on draft laws and regulations, training, and support for workshops and seminars, publications, study missions, translation, research, and certain equipment purchases. As much as possible, the project attempts to provide on-the-job and other types of training to counterpart staff, and project technical advisors work in teams with government counterparts to produce outputs. In this way, not only will useful legal and policy reforms be advanced, but the capacity of staff will also be enhanced, which will contribute significantly to the sustained impact of the project into the future.

This document provides a Quarterly Report on LUNA activities from January through March 2011, in line with the LUNA Work Plan for 2011 that has been approved in principle by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and that will be approved formally by the newly established LUNA Project Steering Committee on April 29, 2011. To provide a full perspective on the overall flow of the Project's support, the Annexes provide a cumulative listing of technical assistance activities from 2010 through the end of the first quarter of 2011.

Status Report on LUNA Activities in the First Quarter of 2011

The first three months of 2011 were an extremely active period for counterpart activity to move forward laws and regulations to meet the requirements of the BTA and WTO, particularly in preparation for a planned WTO Working Party meeting this summer. As a result, LUNA-Lao has been quite busy as well, supporting on a demand-driven basis our counterpart efforts to develop effective legislation that complies with the trade agreements and that support national socio-economic development objectives.

A. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

Project Office and Team Operations

Given the increasingly major demands on translation for the project, we hired a full-time translator – Mr. Somsay Orasith – to provide the project with dedicated verbal and written translation. Overflow translation will be handled by free-lance translators.

Enterprise and Development Consultants (EDC), our main local sub-contractor, continued to support the project effectively and we maintained our small office in the EDC building.

Supervision and Project Steering Committee Activities

During this quarter, MOIC created a multi-ministry Project Steering Committee (PSC) to supervise LUNA's demand-driven activities (details are provided in the 2011 Work Plan). LUNA provided a draft Work Plan for 2011 to the FTPD and core members of the PSC on February 8, which was discussed and approved in principle by our Lao and USAID supervisors at a meeting at the Regional Development Mission/Asia (RDMA) in Bangkok on February 14, 2011. We conducted our operations for this first quarter based on this approval in principle and in close cooperation with USAID, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) and our counterparts.

USAID EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF LUNA

As reported in the 2011 Work Plan, USAID sent a Request for Proposal to Nathan Associates to extend the project to September 2013 and to expand the project by \$3.2 million. The exact increase in funding will depend upon annual obligations from Congress. Nathan has submitted a proposal and it is being reviewed currently by USAID/RDMA.

REPORT DELIVERABLES

This report meets contractual requirements for USAID and requirements in the Workplan for 2011 as determined by the Project Steering Committee.

B. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

This section reports on project activities conducted during the first quarter of 2011. The presentation is organized in the same format as the Annual Work Plan, as follows:

1. Analytical frameworks and general trade-capacity building to advance the BTA, WTO and AEC;
2. Transparency and dispute settlement;
3. SPS and TBT;
4. Trade facilitation and management;
5. Customs;
6. Intellectual property rights;
7. Trade in services; and,
8. Public-private policy dialogue on trade policy.

Since the Work Plan for 2011 provides a detailed review of project activities in 2010 and requested activities for 2011, this Quarterly Report provides only new information that has not been presented in the Annual Work Plan.

1. ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORKS AND GENERAL TRADE-CAPACITY BUILDING TO ADVANCE THE BTA, WTO AND AEC

Activity 1.1: Develop a Roadmap of Legal and Institutional Reforms for BTA Implementation and WTO Accession

LUNA provided recommendations on which laws need to be revised or developed anew to meet BTA and WTO requirements at the NA Workshop on Economic Law Priorities for the Legislative Agenda from 2011-2015 held on March 29-30, 2011.

With the expansion of LUNA's resident staff in Quarter 2 and 3, a more comprehensive BTA/WTO Roadmap will be developed. This will be linked as well with an AEC Roadmap, which will be a key component for a planned Workshop on the Status of the Lao PDR's Implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint.

(Request by the NA, MOJ and FTPD; the FTPD is the lead agency)

Activity 1.2: Support MOIC-FTPD Capacity-Building Programs

- **FTPD Website and Communications.** LUNA funded a part-time Lao consultant to support the FTPD Webpage Task Force to make the key improvements needed to finalize the FTPD website. The pace has accelerated, and the release of an operational FTPD website is now scheduled for May 12.

- **Translations.**¹ At the request of the FTPD, LUNA completed initial translations of the following documents, although each will require further technical inputs to finalize the translations:
 1. Decree on Fees and Services Charges (final version submitted in March, 2011)
 2. GATS Enquiry Point Decision
 3. Draft Decree on Animal Disease Control (initial working draft)
 4. Draft Decree on Animal Movement (initial working draft)
- **WTO and Trade Reference Room.** Further progress was made in stocking the reference room with trade and WTO reference materials. The Room will be formally opened at the May 12 release.
- **Awareness of the WTO and BTA.** As reported below, LUNA has supported and participated in a range of workshops with government officials and private-sector stakeholders that serve to raise awareness of the WTO and BTA.
- **Study Mission for the Project Steering Committee.** Under the leadership of the FTPD, LUNA organized a study mission to Bangkok Thailand for 10 core FTPD and related agency staff who will make up LUNA's PSC on February 14-15, 2011. This study mission served two purposes: first to facilitate a meeting between the core PSC and USAID/RDMA staff to review the draft LUNA Work Plan for 2011; secondly, it included several meetings with Thai colleagues to exchange views on the Royal Thai Gazette, on trading rights with the Thai Ministry of Commerce, and on public-private policy dialogue with the Thai Federation of Industries.

(Request by the FTPD)

Activity 1.3: Support the National Assembly to Develop the Laws and Capacities Required for WTO Accession, BTA Implementation, and AEC Obligations

National Assembly Workshop on Economic Laws. LUNA supported on March 29-30, 2011 in Vientiane a high-profile workshop organized by the NA Committee on Economic, Planning and Finance to review legislative needs over the 2011-2015 period for all economic areas. LUNA's technical input and keynote presentation focused on the challenges and opportunities for WTO accession and the ASEAN Economic Community, including laws required for the WTO/BTA/ASEAN. The workshop also included sessions on public finance, financial markets, land, mining/hydro, forestry, and water resources. The workshop was opened by the Vice-President of the NA and the Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy, and included leaders from each NA committee, and Ministers, Vice-Ministers and other high-level representatives from a number of line ministries as well as experts from many donor agencies.

(Request by the NA)

¹ Additional translations were provided to other agencies, and are listed in the specific topic areas.

2. TRANSPARENCY AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Activity 2.1: Support Development of a Law on Laws and Upgrading the Official Gazette

LUNA supported a Study Mission to Bangkok Thailand on February 15-16, 2011 that included discussions on legal transparency with the Royal Thai Gazette.

Discussions continue on plans to develop a “Law on Laws”, and a meeting with the newly formed draft committee is planned for April. In addition to other support, a study mission to Vietnam is tentatively planned for June 2011.

(Request by the MOJ and NA; MOJ is the lead agency)

Activity 2.2: Support Strengthening of Administrative and Judicial Appeal Processes

Developing a diagnostic paper on administrative and judicial appeal processes will be an initial priority of the new senior expatriate legal advisor.

(Request by the FTPD)

Activity 2.3: Support the Implementation of the Revised Law on Resolution of Economic Disputes.

Law on Resolution of Economic Disputes. Following up on revised Law on the Resolution of Economic Disputes that was approved in the December 2010 NA session, LUNA worked with the Canadian Bar Association, Lao Bar Association and Ministry of Justice to support an intensive 2-day training program on international arbitration procedures for around 80 lawyers and other participants on March 7 and 9, 2011 in Vientiane. LUNA contributed by funding the participation of arbitrators from outside Vientiane, and by participating in the wrap-up panel session.

Progress was made on completing a final English draft of the Law on Resolution of Economic Disputes.

(Request by the MOJ)

Activity 2.4: Linking the Trade Agreements and Legal Sector Development

In all of its activities, LUNA continually supports the strong link between the requirements in the trade agreements and enhancing governance and the rule of law in Laos.

3. SPS AND TBT

Throughout this quarter, LUNA has worked closely with the FTPD, NAST-DISM and MAF to support the development of regulations to modernize and bring into compliance with the trade agreements the legal framework for SPS and TBT activities. LUNA will continue intensive support for these SPS/TBT activities, and will move toward supporting implementation of the transparency points once the authorizing legal framework is in place.

Activity 3.1: Support Establishment and Operation of SPS and TBT Transparency Points

Throughout this quarter, LUNA worked closely with the FTPD, NAST-DISM and MAF to develop regulations to establish and operate a TBT Enquiry Point, SPS Enquiry Point and SPS-TBT Notification Unit. To gain feedback from a range of stakeholders, LUNA supported NAST-DISM to organize a Workshop on the Draft TBT Enquiry Point on March 23, 2011 in Vientiane with around 25 participants, which included a LUNA presentation on international best practice and WTO-TBT requirements. Benefiting from previous LUNA support, the MOIC Decision on Notification Unit of Sanitary-Phytosanitary Measures and Technical Barriers to Trade was approved on March 9, 2011. The two Enquiry Point regulations are moving forward strongly.

LUNA is also beginning to support MAF to develop a Decision on Principles for Applying SPS in Plant and Animal Administration to incorporate WTO requirements on SPS measures into MAF procedures for developing and implementing SPS measures. This is a cross-cutting transition until the SPS requirements can be embedded directly in revisions of core agricultural laws over the next several years.

LUNA provided initial working translations of the Law on Plant Quarantine, the draft Decree on Animal Disease Control and the draft Decree on Animal Movement Control.

(Request by the FTPD, NAST-DISM and MAF)

Activity 3.2: Support Finalization of Regulations to Implement the Law on Standardization

During this quarter, LUNA provided legal analysis and comments on several drafts of the Prime Minister Decree to Implement the Law on Standardization. In addition to a number of small working meetings, LUNA supported a Workshop on the Draft Prime Minister Decree to Implement the Standardization Law on March 31 and April 1, 2011 in Vientiane where experts from

NAST and a number of other agencies reviewed and commented on each article of the draft. A LUNA expert provided a presentation on international best practice and WTO-TBT requirements.

(Request by NAST-DISM and FTPD)

Activity 3.3: Support Development of Regulations to Implement the Law on Metrology

LUNA has begun to provide assistance to translate the Law on Metrology that was approved by the National Assembly in December 2010 and to develop a PM Decree to Implement the Metrology Law.

(Request by NAST-DISM)

Activity 3.4: Build NAST-DISM Institutional and Implementation Capacities

References have been provided to DISM-NAST with examples of strategic development plans from other countries on developing a modern and effective standardization infrastructure.

(Request by NAST-DISM)

4. TRADE FACILITATION AND MANAGEMENT

Activity 4.1: Support Development and Implementation of Regulations on Trading Rights

Under tight deadlines, LUNA provided the FTPD with several sets of detailed legal comments and participated in an audio-conference call with LUNA's international expert on trading rights on the PM Decree on Imports and Exports of Goods draft PM Decree on the Export and Import of Goods, which was enacted on April 6, 2011.

Also, LUNA supported a Study Mission to Bangkok Thailand on February 15-16, 2011 that included discussions on trading rights with the Thai Ministry of Commerce.

(Request by MOIC)

5. CUSTOMS

Activity 5.1: Support Customs Valuation Procedures and a National Single Window

LUNA has communicated with the USAID ASEAN Single Window (ASW) project about how to follow up support to Laos for developing a National Single Window.

(Request by Customs)

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION

Activity 6.1: Support Development of Regulations to Implement the Intellectual Property Law

LUNA translated the quite long first draft of the Prime Minister Decree to Implement the Intellectual Property Law and LUNA's IP expert met almost daily from March 15-29 with the DISM-NAST drafting team to discuss and provide comments on every article, with the goal of developing a strong 2nd draft of the IP implementing decree.

In preparation for these comments, several detailed comparative matrixes were developed to assess how the current IP Law complies with the WTO-TRIPS agreement, the BTA and related international IP conventions.

(Request by NAST-DISM)

Activity 6.2: Support Accession to Intellectual Property Treaties

No activity was conducted on this area this quarter.

(Request by NAST-DISM and FTPD)

Activity 6.3: Support to Upgrade the Patent Office's Capacity to Examine and Approve Patents

Due to the focus on the IP implementing decree, no support was provided to the Patent Office this quarter.

(Request by NAST-DISM)

Activity 6.4: Support Development of Stronger Legal Framework and Public Understanding for IP Border Measures

LUNA provided two sets of detailed comments on the draft Instruction on Customs' Measures for the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and provided an initial training program on IP border measures for around 30 Customs and MOIC staff in Vientiane.

(Request by FTPD, Customs and NAST-DISM; Customs is in the lead)

Activity 6.5: Support Capacity Building and Public Awareness to Enhance Implementation of IP Processes

No activities in this area were conducted this quarter.

(Request by NAST-DISM)

7. TRADE IN SERVICES

Based on a request from the Securities and Exchange Commission Office (SECO), LUNA provided technical assistance in January 2011 to help build a strong understanding by SECO staff of the principles of effective securities regulation from the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). After careful review and discussion, the IOSCO principles were used to develop a framework for a draft Law on Securities. The initial findings of this work were discussed in a workshop on a draft law on securities organized by SECO in Vientiane on January 24, 2011 with around 20 participants. With this foundation, SECO staff is working to develop a full draft law on securities.

Activity 7.1: Support the GATS Enquiry Point

LUNA provided a translation of the MOIC Decision on GATS Enquiry Point, which was approved on Feb. 22, 2011. LUNA provided a Briefing Paper on the GATS Enquiry Point in 2009, which provided background and a reference for development of this decision.

(Request by FTPD)

Activity 7.2: Support Development and Implementation of an Effective Law on Lawyers

During this quarter, LUNA provided several sets of detailed comments on the draft Law on Lawyers, and supported the Ministry of Justice to organize two workshops to gain input on the draft. These were done in close coordination with the UNDP SELNA Project. A Workshop to review the draft Law on Lawyers was organized by the Ministry of Justice in Vientiane on February 3, 2011 for around 80 participants, including primarily members of the Lao Bar Association from throughout the country, but also experts from several foreign and domestic law firms operating in Laos. A follow-up retreat was held in Thalat, Vientiane Province on March 10-12, 2011 for key members of the drafting team and related experts to do a full and careful article-by-article review of the draft. LUNA experts participated fully in each of these sessions, providing insights from international best practice in the context of what can work effectively in Laos.

(Request by the MOJ and NA; the MOJ is the leading agency)

8. PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE ON TRADE POLICY

Activity 8.1: Support Productive Public-Private Dialogue on Trade Policy

LUNA supported a workshop on the status of the WTO accession and how to enhance public-private policy dialogue with the LNCCI and FTPD in Luang Prabang for around 60 participants. Presentations were made by FTPD officials heavily involved with the WTO negotiations, as well as by the Vice-President of the LNCCI and leading local government and LNCCI officials. LUNA made a presentation on international perspectives on the WTO accession.

Also, LUNA supported a Study Mission to Bangkok Thailand on February 15-16, 2011 that included discussions on public-private policy dialogue with the Thai Federation of Industries.

LUNA Technical Activities from 2010 through the First Quarter of 2011

Table A-1
Workshops and Seminars

No.	Activity	BTA, WTO, AEC Rela- tionship	Date	Counter- part(s)	Partici- pants	Place
	2010					
1	Workshop on Public-Private Trade Policy Dialogue	Transparency, Policy Dia- logue	Jan. 28, 2010	MOIC/ FTPD	48	Vientiane Capital
2	Workshop on Bern Convention on Copyrights	IPR	Aug. 26, 2010	NAST/ DISM	59	Vientiane Capital
3	Workshop on SPS and TBT En- quiry and Notification Points	Trade in Goods	Sept. 8-9, 2010	MOIC, MAF, MPH, NAST	68	Vientiane Capital
4	National Assembly Intersession Programme	Transparency, Public Awareness	Sept. 13– 16, 2010	National Assembly	120	Thalat, Vientiane Province
5	Workshop on the draft Law on Res- olution of Economic Disputes and the Law on Lawyers	BTA Article 10 and Trade in Services	Oct. 22, 2010	MOJ and National Assembly	57	Vientiane Capital
6	Technical workshop on the draft Law on Resolution of Economic Disputes	BTA Article 10	Dec. 2, 2010	MOJ and National Assembly	15	Vientiane Capital
	1st Quarter 2011					
7	Workshop on Fundamental Princi- ples for a Securities Law	Trade in ser- vices	Jan. 24, 2011	Office of Securities and Ex- change	20	Vientiane Capital
8	Workshop on the Draft Law on Lawyers	Trade in Ser- vices	Feb. 3, 2011	MOJ and Lao Bar Association	80	Vientiane Capital
9	Workshop on the Status of the WTO Accession and Public-	Public aware- ness and pub- lic-private	Feb. 24, 2011	LNCCI and FTPD	60	Luang Prabang

	Private Policy Dialogue	dialogue				
10	Training Workshop on International Commercial Arbitration	BTA, Article 10	Mar. 7 and 9, 2011	MOJ and LBA, in cooperation with Canadian Bar Assoc.	80	Vientiane Capital
11	Retreat on Draft of Law on Lawyers	Legal Services	Mar. 10-12, 2011	MOJ	30	Thalat, Vientiane Province
12	Workshop on draft TBT Enquiry Point Regulation	TBT	Mar. 23, 2011	NAST/ DISM	25	Vientiane Capital
13	Workshop on Economic Law Priorities for the Legislative Agenda from 2011-2015	BTA, WTO, ASEAN	March 29-30, 2011	National Assembly	80	Vientiane Capital
14	Training on Intellectual Property Border Measures	IPR	March 30, 2011	MOF/Customs	30	Vientiane Capital
15	Workshop on Draft Prime Minister Decree to Implement the Standardization Law	TBT	Mar. 31 and April 1	NAST/ DISM	30	Vientiane Capital
16	Almost daily meetings with core drafting team for PM Decree to Implement the Intellectual Property Law	IPR	March 15 to 29; April 29 thru May 6, 2011	NAST/ DISM	4 each meeting	Vientiane Capital

Table A-2
Comments/Analysis on Policy/Legal Reform

No.	Activity	BTA, WTO, AEC Relationship	Date	Result	Counterpart(s)
	2010				
1	PM Decree on Notification and Enquiry of Trade-Related Information for SPS and TBT (legal comments on draft)	Trade in goods	June 2010	Enacted into law no. 363/PM August 19, 2010	MOIC/FTPD
2	Laos-US BTA Implementation Matrix (comments to update)	BTA	July 2010		MOIC/FTPD
3	SPS/TBT Checklist for WTO Accession (comments to update)	Trade in goods	June and Oct 2010	On-going	MOIC/FTPD
4	MOIC Decision on Notification Unit of Sanitary-Phytosanitary Measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (comments on several drafts)	Trade in goods	Sept 2010	Enacted into law no.: 0471/MOIC, March 9, 2011	MOIC/FTPD
5	PM Decree on Control of Prices of Commodities and Services (legal comments on draft)	Trade in goods and services	Oct 2010	Enacted into law no. 474/PM, November 18, 2010	MOIC/FTPD
6	Law on Lawyers (legal comments on draft)	Trade in services	Oct 2010	Draft progressing	MOJ
7	Revision to the Law on the Resolution of Economic Disputes (legal comments on several drafts)	BTA Article 10	Oct and Dec 2010	Enacted into law in December 2010	MOJ/National Assembly
8	Memo on Options to Upgrade Public-Private Dialogue on Trade/WTO Policy	Transparency	Dec 2010	On-going	MOIC/FTPD
9	PM Decree to Implement the Law on Standardization (legal comments on several drafts)	Trade in goods	Nov 2010 and Dec 2010	Draft progressing	NAST/DISM/Standards

	1st Quarter 2011				
10	Powerpoint on Foundations and Principles of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) ; and discussions on framework for a securities law	Trade in services	Jan 2011		Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission
11	Regulation on SPS Enquiry Point	Trade in goods	Jan 2011	Draft progression	MAF
12	Comparison of Lao IP Law and TRIPS, BTA and related International IP Conventions	IPR	Jan 2011		NAST/DISM and MOIC/FTPD
13	PM Decree on Imports and Exports of Goods (legal comments on several drafts)	Trade in goods	Jan/Feb/Mar, 2011	Enacted as #114 on April 6, 2011	MOIC
14	Regulation on TBT Enquiry Point (legal comments on several drafts)	Trade in goods	Jan/Feb/Mar, 2011	Draft progressing	NAST/DISM
15	PM Decree to Implement the Law on Standardization (legal comments on several drafts)	Trade in goods	Jan/Mar 2011	Draft progressing	NAST/DISM
16	PM Decree on Implementing the Intellectual Property Law	IPR	March 2011	Draft progressing	NAST/DISM
17	Law on Lawyers (legal comments on draft)	Trade in Services	Feb and Mar, 2011	Draft progressing	MOJ/NA
18	Instruction on Customs' Measures for the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (legal comments on draft)	IPR	Feb and Mar, 2011	Draft progressing	FTPD/Customs/NAST

Table A-3
Study Missions

No.	Activity	BTA, WTO, AEC Relationship	Date	Count- erpart	Partici- pants	Place
	2010					
1	Study Mission to exchange views on Vietnam's BTA/WTO experience and on how Vietnam effectively utilized the USAID Star Project to support BTA implementation and WTO accession	BTA implementation, WTO accession	Feb 4-5, 2010	MOIC	8	Hanoi, Vietnam
2	Study Mission to exchange views on price controls, distribution services, business registration and trading rights	Trade in goods and services	Dec 13- 17, 2010	MOIC	8	Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vi- etnam
	1st Quarter 2011					
3	Study Mission to Bangkok Thailand to exchange views on legal transparency, trading rights and public-private policy dialogue, and for a meeting between the Lao Project Steering Committee and USAID/RDMA	Trade in goods, policy dialogue, project admin	Feb 14- 15, 2011	MOIC and Project Steering Com- mittee	10	Bangkok, Thailand

Table A-4
Publications, Translations, Capacity Building and Websites

No.	Activity	BTA, WTO, AEC Relationship	Date	Counter-part	No. of Copies
	2010				
1	Assessment of the Intellectual Property System in Laos	IPR	July 2010	NAST/DISM	Background report
2	Translation of the Decree on Fees and Service Charges from Lao to English (a very long and complicated decree)	Trade in goods	Aug 2010, final version submitted Mar 2011	MOIC/FTPD	
3	Upgrade communication capabilities of FTPD through higher internet capacity, server and other hardware, and FTPD website development	Trade capacity building, transparency	Throughout 2009/2010	MOIC/FTPD	
4	Development of manuals on marketing to five U.S. product sectors—agricultural, apparel, handicraft, silk, and wood products—translation into Lao.	Trade capacity building	2009 and 2010	MOIC/FTPD	
5	Reference report on the evolution of modernization of Vietnam's commercial arbitration system	BTA, Article 10	Oct. 2010	MOJ	
6	Support establishment of a WTO and trade reference center at MOIC/FTPD (equipment purchase coordinated with other contributors)	Trade capacity building	Nov 2010	MOIC/FTPD	
7	Translation of UNCITRAL Model Law on Commercial Arbitration	BTA, Article 10	Dec. 2010	MOJ	
8	Translation of draft PM Decree to Implement the Law on Standardization	Trade in goods	Dec 2010	NAST/DISM	
	1st Quarter 2011				
9	Working translation of the draft PM Decree to Implement the IP Law	IPR	March 2010	NAST/DISM	
10	Translations of various working drafts for the regulations on SPS and TBT	Trade in goods	Jan/Feb/Mar 2011		
11	Translation of Law on Plant Quarantine (initial draft)	Trade in goods	Mar 2011	MAF	
12	Translation of Law on Metrology (initial draft)	Trade in goods	Mar 2011	NAST/DISM	
13	Translation of MOIC Decision on GATS Enquiry Point (enacted as No. 0349/MOIC.FTPD)	Trade in services	Mar 2011	MOIC/FTPD	

	on Feb 22, 2011)				
14	Translation of draft Decree on Animal Disease Control (initial working draft)	Trade in goods	Mar 2011	MAF	
15	Translation of draft Decree on Animal Movement Control (initial working draft)	Trade in goods	Mar 2011	MAF	