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On

The Bank of the Lao PDR

Part I

General Provisions

Article 1 : The function of the Law on the Bank of the Lao PDR.

The Law on the Bank of the Lao PDR determines the characteristics, role, scope of rights and duties , organization and operations of the Bank of the Lao PDR in carrying out its monetary policy, maintaining stability of the value of Kip and contributing to the growth and efficiency of the socio-economic development of the Lao PDR. .

Article 2 : Position of the Bank.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall be a financial institution of the Government, shall have the equivalent status to Ministry, shall be the Central Bank of the country, shall be juridical person and has the head quarter in Vientiane Capital.

Article 3 : Roles of the Bank.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall have the following roles:

1. To be secretariat for the Government in the administration of macro finance, currency, credit of Banks within the country.
2. To promote and maintain stability of Kip within and outside of the country; strengthen the efficiency of payments mechanism and solvency of banking system in order to create an efficient operation and transparency of monetary, credit system of the Lao PDR.
3. To promote and facilitate control on the flows of money to serve the socio-economic development plan of the Lao PDR.

Part II

Scope of Rights and Duties of the Bank of the Lao PDR

(New) Article 4 : Scope of Rights of the Bank.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall have the following rights:

1. Has the sole right to issue notes and coins with the approval of the Government and manages the currency circulation within the country;
2. Administers the macro monetary and shall be the bank of the commercial banks and financial institutions under its supervision and shall be the final lender to such commercial banks and financial institutions with the objective to implement the monetary policy;
3. Implements the policy on foreign currency control and exchange rate;
4. Issues its own bonds with the objective to carry out monetary policy, buys and sells bonds directly with other commercial banks and financial institutions;
5. authorizes the establishment of branch of the Bank of the Lao PDR, the establishment of local commercial banks foreign commercial banks, financial institutions under its supervision based on the approval of the Government .

(New) Article 5 : Duties of the Bank.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall have the following duties:

1. Administers-supervises the operation of commercial banks and financial institutions under its supervision to ensure the stability and the development of the banking system and financial institutions ;
2. Maintains and manages the foreign reserves;

3. Collects, compiles and analyzes the economic and financial data, currency and the operations of the banks and financial institutions from the concerned persons and sectors within the country and abroad in order to serve the formulation of the monetary policies and the task of banking sector.
4. Reports and proposes the opinions on the economic, monetary and banking situations to the Government at regular basics;
5. Manages and adjusts the money supply in the circulation in accordance with the approved plan of the Government;
6. Being the agent of the Government in the international financial institutions, to coordinate, cooperate and to sign the financial and monetary agreements with foreign countries and international financial organizations delegated by the Government;
7. Carrying out other duties as provided by laws or according to the Government assignment.

Part III

Capital, Profits, Business Expansion Fund, General Reserves of the Bank of the Lao PDR

Article 6 : Capital of the Bank.

The Bank of the Lao PDR's registered capital is contributed by the Government and the Government shall be the sole holder of the capital. The Bank of the Lao PDR shall operate under the principle of economic calculation.

Article 7 : Annual net profit of the Bank.

Annual net profit of the Bank of the Lao PDR is the difference between the annual revenue and annual expenditure.

The expenditure includes:

- Administration and technical costs;
- Depreciation of fixed assets;
- Devaluation of currency and bad debts;
- Payment for the Risk taking provision of the Bank.

The Board of Directors of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall determine the ratio of the amount of fund deducting from revenue to be expenditure of different categories .

Article 8 : Business expansion fund of the Bank.

Business expansion fund of the Bank of the Lao PDR is the reserve for the expansion of the activities and assets of the Bank of the Lao PDR. The business expansion fund shall be deducted from the net profit of the Bank in each financial year. The Board of Directors of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall determine the ratio of the fund to be deducted in each financial year.

Article 9 : General reserve of the Bank.

The general reserve of the Bank of the Lao PDR is a special fund of the Bank of the Lao PDR created to compensate losses incurred from the banking operations in the implementation of monetary policy of the Bank.

The general reserve account of the Bank shall be deducted from the net profit of the financial year determined by the board of directors after the deduction of the business expansion fund . The remaining net profit of the Bank for the financial year shall be paid to the state budget. In case of losses caused by the implementation of the strategic plan of the Government, such losses will be recovered by the Government.

Part IV

Board of Directors of the Bank of the Lao PDR

Article 10 : Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall be the highest authority of the Bank of the Lao PDR.

The Board of Directors shall comprise seven to nine members, namely Chairman, Vice Chairmen and other members.

Article 11 : Structure of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall consist of :

- Deputy Prime Minister shall be Chairman of the Board;
- Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall be Vice Chairman;
- Minister of Ministry of Finance shall be Vice Chairman;
- Vice Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall be member;
- Other members shall be the persons with competence and experiences in agriculture, industry, trade, banking and finance selected from various sectors.

Article 12 : Appointment and terms of office of the the Board of Directors.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall appointed or removed from office by the Prime Minister based on the proposal of the Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR.

The Board of Governors shall have terms of office for five years. Members of the Board of Directors may be re-appointed.

Article 13 : Cease from terms of office of the members of the Board.

The members of the Board of Directors shall cease from terms of office in the case of terms of office is expired, death, resignation or removal from office. The resignation shall be approved by the Prime Minister.

In the case any member of the Board of directors dies, resigns or is removed from office which will cause the difficulty for the administration of the Bank, the Prime Minister shall immediately appoint new person in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of this Law to ensure the continuity of the duty for the remaining period of the Board.

(New) Article 14 : Rights and duties of the Board.

The Board shall have the following rights and duties:

1. To be secretariat for the Government on economic and monetary matters;
2. To adopt the organizational structure and by-laws of the Bank of the Lao PDR;
3. To adopt the regulation on the control of foreign currency, credit and others regulations of the Bank of the Lao PDR.
4. To search on the monetary policy, policy on exchange rate, credit based on the proposal of the Governor of the Bank of Lao PDR;
5. To determine ratio of the current assets, the ratio of different mandatory reserves and similar obligation, determine the method of calculation of such obligation for unity use by similar type of commercial banks;
6. To adopt the regulation on the interest of deposit, loan, on buying of discounted bonds and other ratio;
7. To adopt the annual report , the balance sheet, the income statement and the annual budget of the Bank of the Lao PDR;
8. To adopt external auditor to carry out auditing on the activities of the Bank of Lao PDR.

Article 15 : Meetings of the Board.

The Board shall carrying out its activities as specified by the rule of meeting. Meetings of the Board shall be held at least once every two months called by Chairman or on the proposal of at least two members of the Board.

The ordinary meetings of the Board shall require at least seven days prior written notice attached with agenda of the meetings to the members of the Board. In case of necessity, extraordinary meetings may be held at any time.

The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall consist of more than one half of the members of the Board.

Decisions of the meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of those presenting members. In the case of equivalent votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Article 16 : Qualifications of members of the Board.

Members of the Board shall have the following qualifications:

1. member of the Board shall be a person with good attitude, ability, long experience and has credibility from community related to money and finance business, from other professionals.

2. The following persons shall not be appointed as members of the Board of the Bank of the Lao PDR:

- Those whose husband or wife, father, mother, brother or sister is a partner or shareholder in the same company, in the same commercial bank or financial institution;

- Those who are members of the Board, Directors, managers or members of a commercial bank or financial institution;

- Those who were criminally punished by the court or civilly violated concerning the credibility on the performance their duties as members of the Board of Directors.

3. All members of the Board shall fully disclose their beneficial status to before the Board any direct or indirect interest and shall refrain from voting on any matter related thereto in the meeting of the board but shall be qualified for the purpose of constituting a quorum.

4. In performance of its duty the member of the Board shall be prohibited to incline with specific interest of the business or sector related to him/her.

Part V

The Governor, Deputy Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR

Article 17 : The appointment of Governor and Deputy Governor.

The Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall be a member of the Government, shall be appointed or removed from office by the President of the country upon proposal of the Prime Minister, then proposed to the National Assembly for approval.

The Deputy Governor shall be appointed or removed from office by the Prime Minister upon the proposal of the Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR.

Article 18 : The Qualifications of the Governor and the Deputy Governor.

The person who will be appointed as the Governor or the Deputy Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall :

- Have good attitude , knowledge and ability;

- Not be director, a member of the Board of Directors of a commercial bank, neither an officer of a financial institution, shall not be a partner or shareholder of any financial institution. In the case of holding such positions, he/she shall resigne.

(New) Article 19 : Rights and duties of the Governor and the Deputy Governor.

The Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall have the following rights and duties :

1. To be responsible to the Government on monetary and banking matters;
2. To manage the task of the Bank of the Lao PDR and to supervise-control the commercial banks and financial institutions that are under the supervision of the Bank of the Lao PDR;
3. To search on the monetary policy, policy on the interest rate and the exchange rate policy in order to propose to the Board of Directors, then propose to the Government for decision , promulgation and implementation on such policy;
4. To propose to the Prime Minister to appoint, to transfer Department head to another office or to remove from office;
5. To appoint, remove and the Deputy head of Department of the Bank, the Head and Deputy Head of divisions, branches or sub-branches, Head and Deputy of representative office of the Bank of the Lao PDR;
6. To improve the organizational structure and recruit the officers of the Bank of the Lao PDR;
7. To decide on all problems of the Bank of the Lao PDR under his/her responsibility and perform other duties as provided by the law and by-laws of the Bank of the Lao PDR .

The Deputy Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall assist the Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR and may be assigned for the responsibility on some task by the Governor. When the Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR is absent from office or is unable to perform his/her duties, the assigned Deputy Governor shall perform the functions of his/her office instead. The assignment to be acting Governor shall be made in writing stipulating the contents and timeframe clearly.

Part VI

Auditing and Inspection on the Bank of the Lao PDR

Article 20: The auditing.

At the end of each financial year, the Bank of the Lao PDR shall be audited by internal auditing committee of the Bank of the Lao PDR, the auditing committee from the Ministry of Finance appointed by the Government or by an external auditor.

Before submitting the report to the Government, the annual financial accounts of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall be certified by the aforesaid auditors to be accepted as lawful accounting.

Article 21 : Inspection by the Government.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall be inspected regularly by the Government. The Government's inspector shall be appointed or removed from office by the Prime Minister. He/she has the authority to request for data or question on any issues from the officers of the Bank during he/she is performing his/her duties to fulfill the task.

The Government's inspector may attend an ordinary and extra-ordinary meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank, may give opinions on such meeting but shall not cast a vote. In the case that the opinion of the Government's inspector is different from the resolutions of the Board, the Government's inspector shall report to the Prime Minister.

Article 22 : Maintaining the confidentiality.

While performing duties or after completing the task, all auditors shall maintain the confidentiality of any problems, documents and data of the Bank of the Lao PDR, of the commercial banks or financial institutions, they have known and found, except otherwise approved by the board of directors or order of the court only.

Part VII

Monetary Units, Notes and Coins

Article 23 : The monetary unit of Lao People's Democratic Republic

The monetary unit of Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be the “Kip”, divided into one hundred “at”.

Article 24 : The printing of notes and the minting of coins.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall print notes and mint coins, determine the form, design and the value of the notes and minting coins to put into circulation after getting approval from the Government.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall secure the necessary condition for the printing notes, money drawing instrument on demand and the minting of coins and for all matters related thereto the security and safety for the custody of un-issued notes and coins and for the custody and destruction of plates, dies and retired notes and coins as necessary.

Article 25 : The lawful tender.

Notes and coins issued by the Bank of the Lao PDR for circulation shall be the lawful tender within Lao People's democratic Republic. In each note and coin the value shall be denominated.

Article 26 : The retiring notes and coins from the circulation.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may retire notes and coins which are not suitable for the use in the new situation with the consensus of the Government. A notice shall be given to the public on such withdrawal. The holder of such notes and coins that must be retired shall be entitled to change their money from the Bank of the Lao PDR based on the value of the notes or coins. The exchange shall be made within two years from the date of the notice. Such exchange shall not charge any fees.

Article 27 : The exchange of notes which are unusable.

The Bank of the Lao PDR is entitle:

1. to set conditions for the exchange of notes which are tear or partially damaged. A notice of such conditions for exchange shall be made to the public;
2. to Decide on the exchange for coins which have been perforated, cut, clipped, broken, or which are marked or which appear with non-monetary character or signs of which is not identified. .

Article 28 : The responsibility for shipment of notes.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall be responsible to compensate for any damages on the shipment of notes and coins only if such shipment is under its responsibility.

Part VIII

Foreign Reserve, Foreign Exchange and Special Reserve Fund

Article 29 : Foreign Reserve.

The Bank of the PDR shall establish and maintain foreign reserve as the terms and conditions of the the specific regulation from time to time determined by the Bank of the Lao PDR with the consent of the Government.

The foreign reserve shall consist of all or any of the following assets:

1. Gold;

2. Foreign currencies in the form of notes and coins or in the form of Bank deposit denominated in any hard currency in the foreign banks as approved by the Board of directors;
3. Any assets internationally recognized as foreign currency:
 - The reserve fund of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in the International Monetary Fund;
 - Lao People's Democratic Republic's holdings of special drawing rights which internationally called DTS;
4. Bills of exchange and promissory notes, as well as treasury bills and other securities issued or guaranteed by foreign Governments or International Financial Institutions, denominated in a foreign currency and which is payable within and outside Lao PDR as the Board may approve;
5. other assets regarded as foreign currencies as the board may approve. In order to ensure the international payments the Bank of the Lao PDR shall maintain the international reserve at the appropriate level.

Article 30 : The report on the level of the foreign reserve.

The Board of directors shall regularly report to the Government once every month on the level of the foreign reserve.

If the board of directors found that such foreign reserve has declined or with decreasing trend as to jeopardize its adequacy the Bank shall immediately report to the Government together with suggestion of necessary measures in order to solve such situation to the normal condition and shall continue to submit such report at least twice a month until such that situation is in normal condition

Article 31 : The business operation of the Bank.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall carry out transactions on foreign currencies, precious metals and other valuable materials which the Board may approve as following :

1. Buys, sells bullion of gold, gold in various forms, precious metals, and other valuable materials;
2. Buys, sells foreign currencies using the instruments commonly used in general;
3. Buys, sells treasury bonds and other securities issued or guaranteed by foreign governments or International Financial Organizations;
4. Opens and maintains accounts with International Financial Organizations, Central Banks, monetary fund and other financial institutions which officially authorized outside the Lao PDR;
5. Opens, maintain deposit accounts and acts as agent or correspondent for institutions mentioned in "4" of this Article or for foreign governments and their agencies.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall from time to time determine, pronounce and manage the exchange rate, buys, sells or deals with foreign currencies from time to time.

Article 32 : The limitation of transactions of the Bank.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall in its business operation deal only with the Government, commercial banks and financial institutions within the country, foreign government's agency, international financial organizations, Central Banks, monetary fund and financial institutions outside the country..

Article 33 : The Special Reserve Account.

The Special Reserve Account shall record the profit or the loss of the financial year of the Bank of the Lao PDR arising from any change in the value of the Bank's assets or liabilities denominated in gold, special drawing rights (DTS) or arising from any change in value of the

Bank's assets or liabilities in foreign currencies of the Government in terms of Kip as stipulated in Article 29 of this Law.

Article 34 : The methods of solving the Special Reserve Account.

If the Bank of the Lao PDR has any losses in balance of financial year arising from any such change as stipulated in Article 33 above, such losses shall be set off against any surplus fund in the Special Reserve Account. If such surplus fund is insufficient to cover such losses, the Government shall issue non-negotiable securities to the Bank of Lao PDR to cover such losses and base on such terms and conditions as the Bank of the Lao PDR may determine.

Net profit nor net losses referred to above shall not be included in the annual net profits of the Bank.

At the end of the financial year, all surplus account in the Special Reserve shall be applied to compensate for buying of the securities issued by the Government stipulated in the section above of this article.

Any credits or debits from the Special Reserve Account shall serve the purpose specified this Article.

Part IX

Relations with Financial Institutions.

Article 35 : Rights and restrictions of activities.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may open deposit accounts with , and accept deposits from financial institutions, called “account holders” as the terms and conditions the Board may from time to time determine.

The Bank of the Lao PDR is not entitled to invest in general business operation except otherwise provided by this Law.

Article 36 : The buying and selling of valuable documents.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may, as the terms and conditions the Board may from time to time determine, purchase from, sell to, discounted valuable documents from the account holders in the following rules:

1. bills of exchange, promissory notes, certificates of deposits and cheques for commercial, industrial or agricultural purposes;
2. treasury bonds or other securities guaranteed by the Government or issued for sale to the public;
3. securities issued by the Bank of the Lao PDR.

These documents shall be valid for payment only if they bear two or more good signatures in which at least one shall be signature of the financial institution. The documents shall repay within one hundred and eighty (three) days from the date of acquisition by the Bank.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may advance loan to account holders with the period not exceeding one hundred and eighty three days as the terms and conditions set forth by the Board may determine.

Article 37 : The advanced Loan with security.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may grant advance Loan to account holder against the security of valuable documents as stipulated in Article 36 of this Law and in accordance with resolutions of the Board or secured by the following instruments:

- Treasury bonds and other securities guaranteed by the Government issued the public issue;
- Commercial papers, documents of titles issued on insured commodities;
- Any assets which the Bank permits to buy, sell provided in Article 31 of this Law.

Article 38 : Unsecured advance Loan.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may grant unsecured advance Loan, the terms and conditions the Board may determine, in the case such advance is exceptional necessary to liquidate financial requirements of the borrower.

(New) Article 39 : The determination of interest rates.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall determine and promulgate its interest rate for the discounted securities and the interest rate of its advance loan to the commercial banks and financial institutions under its supervision. For the commercial banks and financial institutions may determine their own interest rate for deposit and lending to general customers in accordance with the market mechanism under the state management.

(New) Article 40 : The compulsory maintenance of deposit reserve requirement.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may require commercial banks and financial institutions that are under its supervision to maintain compulsory primary deposit reserves and marginal compulsory primary reserves including the liquid assets to ensure the implementation of monetary policy, the payments of deposits and similar obligations as the Board may be determined

(New) Article 41 : The determination of the net foreign currency status.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall determine for the commercial banks and financial institutions under its supervision to maintain level of net foreign currency in one specific hard currency or many currencies in accordance with the regulations of the Bank of Lao PDR.

(New) Article 42 : The supervision on the regulations of financial institutions.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall review and comment on the regulations on credit and other regulations of the commercial banks and financial institutions under its supervision including the implementation of these regulations.

(New) Article 43 : The guaranty for foreign loans.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall guaranty foreign loans for commercial banks and financial institutions in accordance with the agreement of the Government.

(New) Article 44 : The payment instrument

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall establish payment mechanism to facilitate the commercial banks and financial institutions under its supervision to widely extend the payment instruments and to use payment by checks and other instruments .

Part X Relations with the Government

Article 45 : Reporting to the Government.

It shall be the duty of the Bank of the Lao PDR to furnish regular reports to the Government on matters relating to the performance of the Bank.

In the case of difficulty which is likely to affect the achievement of its objectives, the Bank shall immediately report to the Government.

Article 46: The deposit account of the Government.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall open for account deposit of the Government. The Government may also maintain accounts deposit and use the services of commercial banks and financial institutions as it sees appropriate.

Article 47 : The account holding on behalf of the Government outside Lao PDR.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall be the account holder in foreign currencies of the Government in foreign countries.

Article 48 : The management of the securities.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall manage the issuance, purchase and sale of Government securities or Government guaranteed securities which are issued to the public in accordance with the capacity to purchase by the major public which the Government may approve.

Article 49 : The borrowing funds from abroad.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall undertake research and give opinions for the Government on matters of borrowing from foreign countries. For the commercial banks, financial institutions and enterprises, prior borrowing from abroad, they shall get the approval of the Bank of the Lao PDR.

Article 50 : Granting advance Loan to the Government.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may grant temporary advance Loan to the Government in case of necessity, subject to repayment of the principal plus interests within six months by the government. The Bank of the Lao PDR shall determine from time to time the interest rate as applied to the actual situation.

The Bank of the Lao PDR may grant the Government additional advance Loan on such terms and conditions as may be agreed, in respect to the subscriptions and other payments resulting from being the membership of Lao PDR in any international financial organizations, international financial institutions and other international organizations.

Article 51 : Limitations of advance Loan.

The Government may obtain advance Loan from the Bank of the Lao PDR no more than twenty five per cent of the Government's average annual ordinary revenue for the last three financial years. The calculation of such revenue shall exclude the borrowings, grants and other forms of economic aids.

If such Loan is assumed to cause the risk, the Bank of the Lao PDR shall report to the Government together with the resolving measures.

Article 52 : Relations with international financial institutions.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall serve as the depository of, and be financial agency of any international financial organizations of which Lao PDR is a member.

Part XI

Accounts of the Bank and Reports

(New) Article 53 : The financial year of the Bank.

The financial year of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty one day of December each year.

The Bank of the Lao PDR, the commercial banks and financial institutions under the supervision of the Bank of the Lao PDR shall comply with the accounting regulations of the

Bank of the Lao PDR and of the commercial banks and financial institutions promulgating from time to time. .

Article 54: Annual report to the Government.

Within three months after closing of each financial year, the Bank of the Lao PDR shall transmit to the Government as following:

- report on issues of economic situation;
- report on the business operations of the Bank of the Lao PDR on last year; and
- report on the annual accounts of the Bank certified by the auditor.

The Bank of the Lao PDR shall publish the annual report relating to the currency and on some economic issues.

Part XII

Measures against the offenders

(New) Article 55 : Violation on ratio of the compulsory reserve requirement and other regulations.

The commercial banks and financial institutions under the supervision of the Bank of the Lao PDR who have violated the compulsory reserve requirement ratio or the liquid assets ratio or other regulations shall be fined or punished in accordance with the laws and regulations.

Article 56 : Giving wrong information.

Any person who intentionally supplies any false or misleading information to the Bank of the Lao PDR shall be fined or punished in accordance and regulations.

Article 57 : Engaging in business without license.

Any person who engages in the banking business or financial institution business without license as may be required under the Law, shall be fined or shall punished in accordance with the Laws and regulations.

Article 58 : The disclosure of confidential matters.

If any officer or any person who has collected, known or seen the data and information of the Bank of the Lao PDR, a commercial bank or financial institution during performance of duties, has disclosed such data or information without the approval as stipulated in Article 22 of this Law shall criminally punished provided by criminal law as act of disclosure of state secret.

Article 59 : The abuse of power.

Any officer of the Bank who abuses his/her position against provisions provided by this Law to gain interest for him/herself shall be punished in accordance with the Criminal Code.

Article 60 : Other violations.

Any person who counterfeits notes, coins or financial instruments, uses counterfeited notes, coins and financial instruments, destroys notes or coins by way of cutting, tearing, perforating, writing, printing, stamping, drawing, affixing any seal upon such note or in any other way causing un-useable of the notes or coins issued by the Bank of the Lao PDR shall be punished in accordance with the Criminal Code.

Part XIII
Final Provisions

Article 61 : The implementation.

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall implement this Law.

Article 62 : Effect of this Law.

This Law is effective from the date the President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic promulgates by issuing presidential decree..

This Law replaces the Law No. 04 on the creation of the Bank of the Lao PDR, dated July 10, 1990 , And some articles of the Lao on the Bank of the Lao PDR, No. 05, dated October 14, 1995 . Any regulation, provisions conflicting with this Law shall be abrogated.

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