

Lao PDR: Sharing Experiences on Post-WTO Accession

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1. Long Road to Joining WTO



It took 15 years for a small country like Laos to join WTO.

- 07/1997: Applied for membership.
- 02/1998: Working Party (WP) established.
- 03/2001: Submitted Memorandum on Foreign Trade Regime.
 - Multilateral track: 10 Working Party Meetings.
 - Bilateral track: bilateral negotiations on goods and services with 9 members.
- 02/02/2013: Full-fledged member of WTO (158th).

2. Accession Negotiations and Results (Multilateral Track)

- Aim at clarifying compliance of Laos' laws and regulations with WTO principles.
- Provided 10 sets of questions and answers (Q&As), with more than 1,030 responses.
- Action plans stating in details legislation to be adopted and amended, and specifying steps, timeframe and technical assistance needed.
- More than 90 pieces of legislation were adopted or amended, including 26 laws and 18 decrees.

2. Accession Negotiations and Results (Multilateral Track)



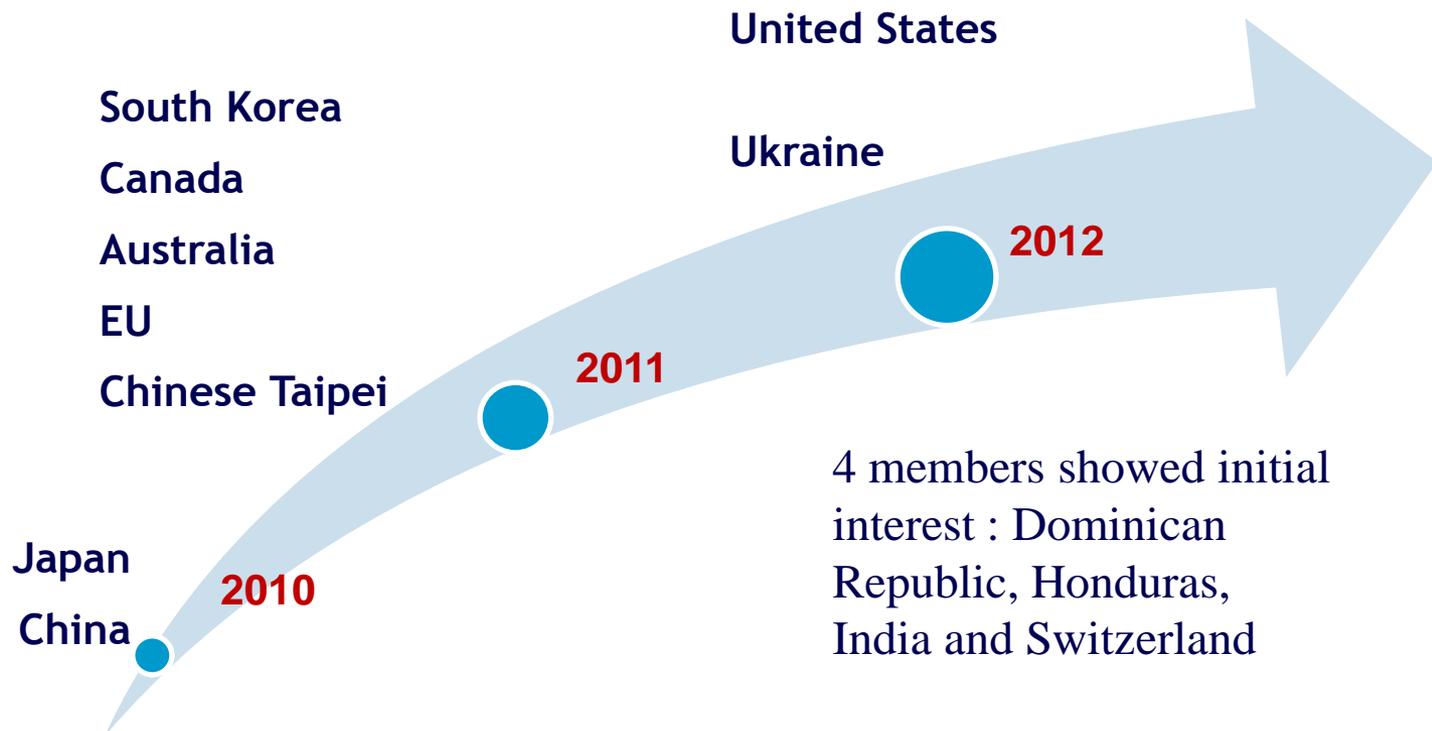
2. Accession Negotiations and Results **(Multilateral Track)**

Laos received transition periods as follows:

- Telecom Independent Regulator: 2 years
- To abolish reference price and fully implement CVA: 2 years
- Trading Rights: 2 years
- Official Gazette: 3 years
- Trade Remedies: 5 years
- To implement SPS/TBT Agreements: 2 years
- To implement TRIPS: 4 years (but TRIPS extension for LDC until 2021)

2. Accession Negotiations and Results (Bilateral Track)

Laos concluded bilateral negotiations on goods and services with 9 members.



2. Accession Negotiations and Results (Bilateral Track)

- Goods: average bound rates 18,8%
 - Agricultural goods: 19.3% (applied rates: 18.4%)
 - Industrial goods: 18.7% (applied rate: 10.0%)
- Services: open 10 sectors and 79 sub-sectors
(from 160 sub-sectors)

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