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**Assessment the Effect of Free Trade Agreements
on Exports of Lao PDR**

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I. Research Background

- Lao PDR initiated shift to the market economy in 1986.
- The economic growth was accelerating after the country has entered to ASEAN members in 1997
- The CEPT scheme, Laos is eligible to export to ASEAN markets with import tariff is relatively low from 0-5%
- Trade relations with more than 50 countries, BTAs with 15 countries, and RFTAs 5 ASEAN Dialogue partners.

I. Research Background (cont)

- Laos is eligible to export several products to the 5 countries with lower preferential tariff (APTA)
- Laos has received the GSP from 47 countries (LDCs)
- An increase in both bilateral and regional FTAs, it can be a significant factor to stimulate export growth rapidly from \$US 324.88 million in 2000 to \$US 1.69 billion 2011.

Table 1A: The share of Lao export to different regions (\$US Million)

Region	1995	2000	2005	2008	2011
ASEAN	171.00	167.41	590.04	678.19	1116.21
East Asia	14.10	22.93	63.47	106.78	106.94
Oceania	-	0.12	92.70	93.44	334.57
EU (15)	31.70	100.27	124.26	233.29	128.91
USA	5.30	7.68	6.91	10.24	5.38
Others	89.10	26.48	0.63	2.46	4.44
Total	311.20	324.89	878.01	1124.40	1696.44

Source: Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MoIC), Laos



1.1 Research Questions

1. Will a reduction of the CEPT and the MFN import tariffs support trade creation or trade diversion?
2. How does the country gain from trade liberalization through various types of FTAs?
3. What are the urgent trade policies needed in order to improve the preferential tariff utilization?



1.2 Research Objective

- To analyze the progress of trade liberalization and the export performance of Laos with major trading partners
- To estimate the determinants of Lao export as a consequence of both bilateral and multilateral FTAs being implemented.

Study

2 trading partners, which is classified to 6 regions

will be applied, during the periods 1996-2011.

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