

## Sabaidee Welcome to Lao PDR



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# **Country Report**

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LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRAIC REPUBLIC

### General information

- Lao PDR is a small landlocked country in south east Asia and sharing border with five countries: China to the north, Cambodia to the south, Vietnam to the east and Myanmar and Thailand to the west.
- Capital:
- Area:
- Population:
- Population density:
- Geography:

236,800 Km<sup>2</sup> 6,5 million 24 person/ Km<sup>2</sup> 2\3 is mountain

Vientiane.



#### The Situation of Intellectual Of Infringing goods in Lao PDR

Sector	Sources	Types of Intellectual of infringing goods
Households	-	Shampoo, Dishwashing Liquid, Washing powder, Cosmetic, Tissue, toothpaste, cigarette. Etc.
Hospitals or Clinics	-	-
Agriculture	-	-
Industry & mining	-	-

## Legal Framework

- Intellectual Property Law has been issued in 2007 (revised in Dec. 2011 to comply with TRIPs agreement);
- Custom Law has been issued in 2005;
- Environmental Protection Law has been issued in 1999 (revised in Dec.2012); and
- Relevant regulations.

### The System of IPR Enforcement in Laos

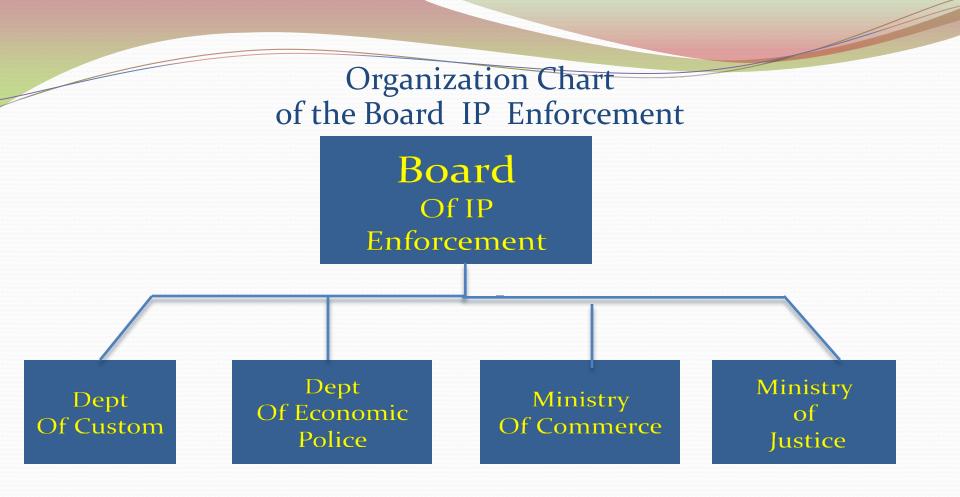
- DIP is the focal point for coordinating with Board of line Ministries to deal with IPR enforcement, The main duties of line Ministries are as following:
- Department of Custom under the Ministry of Finance to suppress the fraudulence of goods and piracy products at the border followed the notice for relevant case from our Board of line Ministries

- Department of Economic Police under Ministry of Public Security to suppress illegal trade and seize of counterfeit and piracy products followed the notice of IP Board

- Chamber of trade and industry to look for promotion of Environmentally Safe Disposal of Intellectual Property Infringing Goods .

DIP under Ministry of Science & Technology to arrange administration measure by mediation also to be the focal point for all Intellectual Property management including Environmentally Safe Disposal of Intellectual Property Infringing Goods

In some cases that we could not solve by our Board, we have to take legal action to the Prosecutor Office and the Prosecutor Office will report the overall context of relevant cases to the Court for final judgment.



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