

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Name of formality</b>	Certificate for the Registration of Trademark
<b>Type of formality</b>	Certificate
<b>Date of last modification</b>	31.12.2017
<b>Responsible Authority</b>	Intellectual Property Department
<b>Who should apply for this formality?</b>	The owner of the 'trademark' that means any sign, or any combination of signs, capable of distinguishing between these goods or services and other goods or services and who intends to get the legal protection of such trademark within the Lao PDR
<b>Qualifications needed by the business to get the formality</b>	Persons eligible for protection of industrial property shall be as follows:1. a Lao citizen or resident in the Lao PDR, or a legal entity or organization established under the laws of the Lao PDR;2. an individual that is a national or a resident of any country which is a member of the Paris Convention or other international agreement relating to the protection of industrial property and of which the Lao PDR is also a member;3. an individual, legal entity or organization with a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in the territory of any member of the Paris Convention or of any other international agreement that relates to the protection of industrial property and of which the Lao PDR is also a member.A mark eligible for a trademark certificate shall meet the following requirements: - A mark eligible for a trademark certificate shall meet the following requirements: 1. the mark may be any sign, or any combination of signs, capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one company from others.2. the mark is not identical to a previously registered mark, well-known mark, or geographical indication for the same goods or services;3. the mark is not similar to a previously registered mark or well-known mark for the same, similar, or related goods and services, where the use of the later mark would tend to cause confusion as to the source of the goods or services or create a false impression that they are connected or associated with another party;4. the mark does not contain characteristics prohibited under Article 23 of this IP law.

<b>LEGAL FRAMEWORK</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Law on Intellectual Property (2017)	38/NA	15.11.2017	
Ministerial Decision on Trademark and Trade Name	2822/MOST	17.12.2019	

<b>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FORMALITIES</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Comment</b>
`\${SUPPORT_NAME}`	`\${SUPPORT_TYPE}`	`\${SUPPORT_COMMENT}`

<b>LIST OF ATTACHED DOCUMENTS FOR FIRST TIME APPLICATION</b>		
<b>Name of document</b>	<b>Type of document</b>	<b>File of document</b>
`\${ATTACHMENT_NAME}`	`\${ATTACHMENT_TYPE}`	`\${ATTACHMENT_FILE}`

<b>LIST OF ATTACHED DOCUMENTS FOR RENEW APPLICATION</b>		
<b>Name of document</b>	<b>Type of document</b>	<b>File of document</b>
`\${ATTACHMENT_NAME_RENEW}`	`\${ATTACHMENT_TYPE_RENEW}`	`\${ATTACHMENT_FILE_RENEW}`

<b>MEAN OF PRESENTATION</b>		
<b>Means of presentation</b>	At the Authority Offices	
<b>Address of authority</b>	Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Science and Technology	
<b>Time it takes to the authorities to process the formality</b>	300	

<b>RENEWAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Does the formality have a validity or an expiration date?</b>	<b>How long will the formality be valid for? (in months)</b>
YES	120

<b>What is the process and conditions to get the formality?</b>	
<b>What is the process and conditions to renew the formality?</b>	Renewal can be done for another 10 years continuously; provided in order to maintain the term of protection, the patent owner shall pay annual fees 10 years in advance.

<b>ISSUING FEES</b>				
<b>Has application fees?</b>	<b>Service fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Certificate fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Application fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Total fees businesses need to disburse</b>
YES	300000.00	800000.00	20000.00	1120000.00
<b>Comments</b>	As advised by the authority			
<b>ADDITIONAL ISSUING FEES</b>				
<b>Additional fee names</b>				
NO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Additional fee comments</b>				

<b>RENEWAL FEES</b>				
<b>Has renewal fees?</b>	<b>Service fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Certificate fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Renewal fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Total renewal fees businesses need to disburse</b>
YES	300000.00	800000.00	20000.00	1120000.00
<b>Comments</b>	As advised by the authority			
<b>ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEES</b>				
<b>Additional renewal fees names</b>				
NO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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