

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of formality	Certificate for the Registration of Trademark
Type of formality	Certificate
Date of last modification	31.12.2017
Responsible Authority	Intellectual Property Department
Who should apply for this formality?	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
Qualifications needed by the business to get the formality	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.

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FORMALITIES		
Name	Type	Comment
`\${SUPPORT_NAME}`	`\${SUPPORT_TYPE}`	`\${SUPPORT_COMMENT}`

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

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

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

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

What is the process and conditions to get the formality?	
What is the process and conditions to renew the formality?	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.

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

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

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