



**Lao People's Democratic Republic**  
**Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity**  
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To: Mr. Tran Duc Minh  
Deputy Secretary General  
ASEAN Secretariat  
Indonesia  
Fax: 6221-7398234

Dear Mr. Minh,

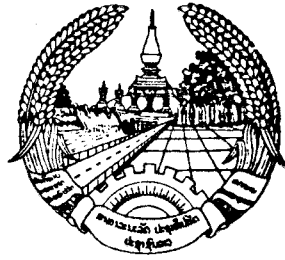
I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has ratified the Protocol on the Special Arrangement for Sensitive and Highly Sensitive Products among the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations signed on 30 September 1999 in Singapore. The instrument of ratification is attached herewith for depositing with the Secretary General of ASEAN. In the meantime, it would be much appreciated if the certified copy of the instrument of ratification could be transmitted to each ASEAN Member Country for reference.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Bounsom Phommavithane  
Deputy Director General

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Conformably to the rights and the authorities mentioned in the Article 53,  
Point 11, of the Constitution of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

**I, Khamtay SIPHANDONE,**  
President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic


declare:

**ARTICLE 1 :** The promulgation of ratification to the Protocol on the Special Arrangement for Sensitive and Highly Sensitive Products among the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, signed at Singapore on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

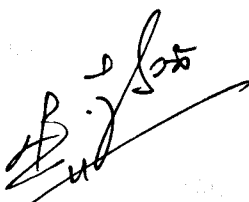
**ARTICLE 2 :** The whole articles stipulated in this Protocol shall be completely respected.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal on the present instrument of ratification.

Done at Vientiane, July 2001

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Countersigned



**Somsavat LENGSAVAD**