

**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY
(LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)
AS
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICE**

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List of abbreviations:

Office: Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)

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(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****LA****DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
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Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Lao
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, only as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee: ²	Currency: Lao Kip (KIP) Filing fee: KIP 200,000 Formality examination fee: KIP 100,000 Consultation fee: KIP 100,000 Publication fee: KIP 400,000 Service fee: KIP 300,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application^{3,4}

Evidence of entitlement to file^{3,4}

Evidence of entitlement to claim priority^{3,4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁴

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and table related thereto in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

FEES

(Currency: Lao Kip (KIP))

Patents

Filing fee	200,000
Formality examination fee	100,000
Consultation fee	100,000
Publication fee	400,000
Service fee	300,000

How can payment of fees be effected?

The payment of fees must be effected in Lao Kip. All payments must indicate the application number (national, if already known; international, if the national application number is not yet known), the name of the applicant and the category of fee being paid.

Payment may be effected by cash or bank transfer to the “Banque pour le commerce extérieur Lao”, N. 1 Pangkham Street, P.O. Box 2925, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic; telephone: (856-21) 213 200-01; facsimile: (856-21) 213 202, 214 944; télex: 4301, 4309, 4315 BCE VTE LS; cable: LAO COM BANK; name of account: Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic); account No.: 010.01.452100100067.6.