Decree of the Minister

on forbidden occupations and regions to export Lao Labourers Working Abroad

- With Reference to the Labour Law No. 002/NA, dated 14 May 1994;
- With Reference to the Criminal Law No. 29/NA, dated 23 December 1989;
- With Reference to the Prime Minister’s Decree No. 68/PM, dated 28 May 2002 on exporting Lao labourers working Abroad;
- With Reference to an announcement of the Prime Minister’s Office No. 1499/PMO, dated 14 October 2002 on approval of categorize occupation and forbidden area to export Lao Labourers working abroad.

The Minister issues the regulation:

Chapter I

General Provision

Article 1. This Decree defines the content of chapter IV of article 10 of Prime Minister’s Decree No. 68/PM, dated 28 May 2002 to categorize forbidden occupations and regions to export Lao labourers working abroad in order to ensure health care, safety and benefit of labour forces and to create favorable conditions for individuals and legal entities that provide services on exporting Lao workers to work abroad.

Chapter II

Forbidden Occupation

Article 2. Types of forbidden occupations for Lao workers to work abroad are as follows:

2.1 Easy occupations without using machines, not developing skills and having no technical knowledge;
- Cleaning, brooming and wiping in public areas such as: restaurants, toilets, roads, parks, department stores, hospitals, hotels and others;
- Carrying and transporting on shoulder such as: loading and unloading goods on shoulder in or out of vehicle, loading and unloading goods on shoulder in or out of boat, carrying goods of the company for sale by walking and others;
- Manual digging canals, working on dirty water such as: digging fish pond, cleaning fish pond, cleaning dirty canal along road and others;

2.2 Occupations that conflict with national culture, tradition and laws:
- Middleman for prostitutes (prostitutes’ agent);
- Engaging in other activities, such as terrorists, detective, traitor (sale national secret) and trafficking of arm;
- providing massage service related to sexual service;
- engaging in trading of drug and any kinds of addicted substance;
- engaging in selling pornography materials;
- engaging in sexual show or taking pornography photo.

2.3 Hazardous occupations:
- Work with chemical and or with explosive substance (this requires to have permission from related Ministries);
- Work with radioactive substance (this requires to have permission from related Ministries);
- Work with too loudly and noisy machine over international standard for protection of workers;
- Work as fishing man for a small boat at the sea;
- Work causing the infection with diseases (this requires to have permission from related Ministries);
- Work with dangerous animals such as: tiger, monkey, crocodile, elephant and others;

Chapter III

Forbidden Countries and Region

Article 3. Forbidden countries and regions for exporting Lao workers are:
3.1 Regions and countries being declared by themselves as war zone or could not ensure security and safety;
3.2 Regions contaminating with chemical substance because of war or nuclear disaster
3.3 Countries that have no bilateral cooperation agreement with (Lao PDR).

Chapter IV

Final Provisions

Article 4. The Departments of Labour and Social Welfare, all ministries, equivalent organizations and all levels of local authorities have the rights and duties to implement this Decree strictly.

Article 5. This Decree is effective from the date of signing here after. Any regulations that conflict with this Decree are superseded.

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