



Lao People's Democratic Republic
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity

Prime Minister

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Decree

On the Organisation and Operations of the
National Regulatory Authority for UXO in Lao PDR

- Pursuant to the Law of Government of Lao PDR ref No 04/NA dated 08 November 2016;
- Referring to the Letter of Request from the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. No 3644/LSW dated 16 October 2017 and the Transmission Slip No 3803/CAB dated 12 December 2017;
- Based on the proposal from Ministry of Home Affairs No 30/MoHA dated 24 January 2018.

The Prime Minister issues this Decree

Chapter 1

General Provisions

Article 1: Purpose

This Decree defines the position, role, duties, rights, organisational structure, working principles and methods of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO in Lao PDR and is to be used as legal reference for NRA to play its supervisory role and implement UXO activities countrywide in effective and efficient manners.

Article 2: Position and Role

The National Regulatory Authority for UXO in Lao PDR as abbreviated as "NRA" is a non-standing Government's entity that plays the role as a Secretariat in assisting the Government in examining, supervising and coordinating with Line Ministries, Ministry-equivalent Agencies, Local Authorities and International Organisations at all levels to address UXO issues countrywide.

Article 3: Definitions

1. **Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) in Lao PDR** refers to remained explosives as legacy of war that may or may not have been used.
2. **UXO Clearance Organisation** refers to the Organisation that has been authorised by the Lao Government to carry out UXO clearance in Lao PDR such as Lao Army's Humanitarian UXO Organisations, Lao UXO Clearance Organisation, International Humanitarian UXO Organisations, Lao Civil Society Organisations, Lao and foreign UXO Clearance Companies, and other Agencies involved in UXO clearance activities in Lao PDR.
3. **International Humanitarian UXO Organisation** refers to a Non-Profit Organisation and a Non-Governmental Organisation.
4. **UXO Victim** refers to an individual who has died or has been injured from UXO including family members and community affected by UXO.
5. **UXO Database** refers to Bombing Data, UXO Contamination Information, Details of UXO, Survey and Clearance, UXO Risk Education, Accidents from UXO and UXO Survivor Assistance.
6. **UXO activities** refer to UXO Survey and Clearance, Community Awareness of the Dangers of UXO and UXO Victim Assistance.

Chapter 2

Duties and Rights

Article 4: Duties

1. To assist the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in examining, translating Party's and Government's policies, strategies, plans, projects and resolutions on UXO matters into detailed strategies, and projects;
2. To assist the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in examining, elaborating, disseminating legal instruments, regulations, orders, notification, strategies including other measures related to UXO activities;
3. To supervise the establishment of a database for UXO/Mine clearance operations and its wide dissemination;
4. To supervise, encourage, monitor and promote line Ministries, Ministry-Equivalent Agencies, Local Authorities and UXO Clearance Organisations in carrying out UXO/Mine activities;
5. To coordinate with Line Ministries, Ministry-Equivalent Agencies, Local authorities and donor agencies and other International Organisations to mobilize funds and technical assistance for UXO/Mine Actions and to maximise the use of funds and equipment;
6. To supervise, encourage, monitor, inspect, manage equipment and other facilities to support UXO/Mine operations;
7. To supervise the elaboration, amendments and approval of National Standards for UXO/Mine Actions;
8. To supervise the use and management of budget, assets of Humanitarian UXO/Mine Action Organisations;
9. To monitor, inspect and assess the activities of all UXO clearance Organisation and periodically report;
10. To perform other duties as mandated by the Government.

Article 5: Rights

1. To propose to Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to approve, abrogate or suspend strategic plans, plans and projects;
2. To propose to Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to issue approvals, orders, instructions, notifications, regulations and standard for UXO/Mine Action;
3. To propose to the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to improve the Organisational structure, positions, staffing and posting of staff who are under its responsibility;
4. To issue and extend technical certifications and standard operations for UXO clearance Organisation;
5. To sign Memos of Understanding (MoU) and Memos of Agreement (MoA) for UXO operations with Lao and International Organisations as mandated by the Government;
6. To call for meetings and to participate at domestic or International meetings on UXO operation;
7. To approve the requests from NRA and other Humanitarians UXO/Mine Action Organisations to convene meetings and technical trainings on UXO actions;
8. To propose, amend and approve plans, Government's budget, Internal and external assistance for UXO/Mine Actions;
9. To exercise other rights as mandated by the Government.

Chapter 3

Organisational Structure

Article 6: Structure

The National Regulatory Authority for UXO in Lao PDR has the following structure:

6.1 National Level

The National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for UXO has one office with the abbreviation of "NRAOFF" located at the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. the NRAOFF plays serves as Secretariat

of the NRA for the management and implementations of UXO activities in Lao PDR. The NRAOFF has a Head of office appointed by the Prime Minister and a number of deputy heads appointed by Minister in his/her capacity of Chairman of NRA.

6.2 Provincial Regulatory Authorities for UXO

The Provincial Regulatory Authority for UXO (known as CUMAP) plays the role in the management and implementation of UXO activities within the Province.

The CUMAP has an office abbreviated as CUMAOFF located in the structure of Provincial Department of Labour and Social Welfare.

6.3 District Regulatory Authority for UXO

The District Regulatory Authority for UXO (known as CUMAD) plays the role in the management and implementation of UXO activities within the district. The focal points for UXO activities are in the structure of District Office of Labour and Social Welfare.

Article 7: Staffing

The National Regulatory Authority for UXO Action in Lao PDR is composed of the following officials:

7.1: UXO at Central Level

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| 1. Minister of Labour and Social Welfare | as Chairman. |
| 2. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs | as Deputy Chairman |
| 3. Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Welfare
(Standing member) | as Deputy Chairman |
| 4. Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment | as Deputy Chairman |
| 5. Deputy Director General of General Service Department,
Ministry of Defence | as Deputy Chairman |
| 6. Vice Governor of each Province (Standing member for Social
and Cultural affairs) | as member |
| 7. Head of NRA Office
and Head of NRA Secretariat Office | as member |
| 8. Director General of Department of International Cooperation,
Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare | as member |
| 9. Director General of Department of International Organisation (MOF) | as member |
| 10. Chief of 203 Police Department, 502 General Police Department,
Ministry of Public Security | as member |
| 11. Director General of Department of International Cooperation,
Ministry of Planning and Investment | as member |
| 12. Director General of Budget Department, Ministry of Finance | as member |
| 13. Director General of Radio Frequency Department, Ministry of Post
and Telecommunication | as member |
| 14. Director General of Mass Media Department,
Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism | as member |
| 15. Director General of Therapy Department, Ministry of Public Health | as member |
| 16. Director General of Civil Engineering Department, Ministry of Defence | as member |
| 17. Director General of Department of Agricultural Land Management
and Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry | as member |
| 18. Director General of Land Department,
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment | as member |
| 19. Director General of Youth Training Process Department,
Lao Revolutionary Youth Union | as member |
| 20. Director General of Department of Planning and Cooperation,
Lao Women Union | as member |
| 21. Director General of Staff and Personnel Department,
Lao Front for National Construction | as member |
| 22. Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Education and Sport | as member |

7.2: UXO at Provincial Level

The Vice Governor, as Chairperson, supervises social and cultural affairs and is responsible vis-à-vis the Chairman of NRA for UXO and the Governor on UXO/Mine Action within the Province.

The CUMAP has a Deputy Chair who is emanated from Provincial Department of Labour and Social Welfare, a Head of Provincial Military Headquarter and a Head of Provincial Foreign Affairs Office as members.

7.3: UXO at District Level

The CUMAD has the Deputy Head of District as Chairman who supervises social and cultural affairs and is responsible vis-à-vis the Chair of CUMAP and Head of District on UXO/Mine Action within the District.

The CUMAD has a number of Deputy Chairs from District Offices of Labour and Social Welfare, a head of District Military Headquarter, a Head of District Foreign Affairs Office, representatives from District relevant agencies and Coordinators as members.

Chapter 4

Working Principles and Methods

Article 8: Principle

1. Application of the principle of Democratic Centralism, collective decision making on UXO/Mine Operations;
2. Application of one-leader regime, clear division of responsibilities. promotion of creativity amongst staff members of NRA on UXO in Lao PDR;
3. All activities of NRA and its staff shall be in compliance with Laws, regulations and general principles of the Government in order to translate Party's and Government's policies into concrete actions.

Article 9: Working Method

1. The NRA performs its tasks in accordance with detailed plans and projects with clear focus and targets;
2. The NRA performs its tasks as a non-standing authority. Its working methods follow the regime of weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, annual meetings or technical Working Group meetings to carry out its activities to inspect, monitor, draw lessons learned, assess achievement and shortcomings, and regularly report to the Ministry or Prime Minister. In case of necessity or emergency, the NRA can call for extraordinary meetings to discuss urgent issues;
3. The NRA shall work in coordination with line Ministries, Ministry equivalent Agencies, Mass Organisations, Civil Society Organisations and local Authorities.

Chapter 5

Final Provisions

Article 10: Budget, Seal and Logo

The National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for UXO in Lao PDR has its own budget, seal and logo to support its official duties in accordance with the Law and Regulations.

Article 11: Further actions

The Chairman of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action in Lao PDR is tasked to issue a decision on the organisation and operations of the NRAOFF, CUMAP and CUMAD, Provincial NRA Secretariat Office with clear division of responsibilities amongst the Vice Chairs and members of NRA.

Article 12: Implementation

The NRA for UXO in Lao PDR, Line Ministries, Ministry-equivalent Agencies, Vientiane Capital and Provincial Authorities shall acknowledge and strictly implement this Decree.

Article 13: Effectiveness

This Decree becomes effective from the date it is signed and supersedes the Decree No 43/GOL, dated 03 February 2015 on the Organizations and Operations of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action in Lao PDR.

Signature and Stamp of
Prime Minister
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