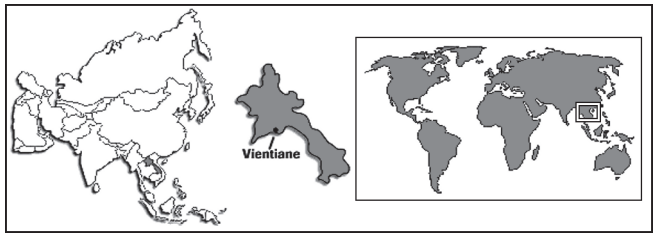
7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

Lao, People's Dem. Rep. (LA)
Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 3
- Capital : Vientiane (VTE)
- Local Time : GMT + 7
- Daylight Saving Time : Lao does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 856
- Local Currency : Kip (LAK)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
06 Jan 2015
20 Jan 2015
19 Feb 2015
09 Mar 2015
22 Mar 2015
13 Apr 2015
14 Apr 2015
15 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
01 Jun 2015
02 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Vientiane - VTE**
  Tel.: +856 21 51 2016
- **LUANGPRABANG (LPQ)**
  Tel.: (856-71) 21 3072
  (856-71) 25 2379
  (856-71) 25 3278
- **SAVANNAKHET (ZVK)**
  Tel.: (856-41) 26 0201
  (856-41) 26 0264-65
- **PAKSE (PKZ)**
  Tel.: (856-31) 21 2229

Serving airlines:
QV, AK, L J, MU, PG, TG & VN.

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
1 x Forklift, max. capacity 3.000 kg.
2 x Forklift, max. capacity 5.000 kg.
2 x High lift Loader max. capacity 7000 kg.
2 x Conveyor belt max. capacity500 kg.
18 x Cargo carts.
4 x Pallet dolly.
14 x Container Dolly.

1.2.2. Storage
At Vientiane airport warehouse.
The consignment should be declared to Customs after arrival within 10 days (excluding Public Holidays).
The uncleared goods may be stored at the airport warehouse, time limit 90 days, thereafter goods will be confiscated by Customs.
Cool storage: Not available.
In case of vaccines, fresh blood, fresh foods and live animals, consignee must make an import Customs declaration document and collect the consignment immediately.
Strong room for valuable goods: Available.

1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport Customs House (Air Cargo Terminal), by consignee, or his broker. Unaccompanied baggage sent in advance can be cleared only at the airport himself, or his broker with official attestation within official hours only.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Clearance is available on Monday through Friday
between 08.00 - 12.00 hrs. and 13.00 - 16.00 hrs.
Clearance outside Customs hours possible only for AVI, DIP, NWP, PER, VAL and Plants, for all other shipments special permission in writing must be obtained from the Director of Vientiane International airport customs house's office.

1.2.5. Delivery
At the Air cargo terminal Vientiane Airport.
Domestic transhipment, Inbound, not possible, except LPQ, PKZ & ZVK.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
See 1.2.5.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Sufficient packing is requested (hay, straw or similar products are prohibited).

2.1.2. Marking
No special requirements other than the respective AWB number, full address of consignee and country of origin.

2.1.3. Routing
Via Customs Vientiane, LPQ, ZVK and PKZ Airports.

2.1.4. Language on Documents
French or English.

2.1.5. Other requirements
Air Waybill description and value of goods, should be in conformity with commercial invoice, number and date of issue of permit, if any to be inserted.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments
3 Commercial invoices stating, value for each class of goods net and gross weight and quantities in metric figures, name, quality, sort, composition, country of origin, destination or procuration, delivery of goods (contract, consignment, destined for a branch office), mark numbers, sort of packing, insurance, freight, other charges, whether values are CIF, FOB or C & F, prior permit from Ministry of Commerce also for aid projects and consignments for Embassies, in case no import permit has been obtained goods may be delayed up to 3 weeks.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Pro Forma invoice signed by shipper and showing same details as commercial invoice under 2.2.1.
No charge or formality from Ministry of Commerce if in small quantities, it shall bear the following statement "Free of Charge" value shown for Customs purpose only, remark (sample consignment) should be typed on the invoice.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
See 2.2.2.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
Packing list is required see also 1.2.3.

2.2.5. Other consignments
Subject to nature of consignment.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.1. General
Due to special import regulations for many articles, ammunition, drugs, fire arms, intoxicant, spirit, wireless apparatus, shipper should enquire in advance with consignee or consulate.

2.3.2. Live animals
Live animals imported for general purposes shall be accompanied by Health Certificate.
Cats and dogs: Additional Rabies Inoculation Certificate.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate.

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2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Import Permit from Police Authorities.
2.3.6. Human remains
Not cremated: Death Certificate stating particulars of the deceased and cause of death.
Cremated: Death Certificate and Certificate of Cremation.
2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products
Import Permit from Ministry of Public Health
2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
Certificate from the food and drug administration, Ministry of Public Health.
2.3.11. Tobacco and tobacco products
Import Licence from Ministry of Finance
2.3.13. Precious metals and stones
See 2.3.1.

2.4. Prohibitions
Counterfeit, articles fringing trademarks, patent and copy rights', cannabis, opium, heroin, lottery tickets; obscene printed matters, weighing and measuring instruments not systematically graduated. See also 2.3.

2.5. Charges
2.5.2. Handling

Terminal charge, per kg.	0.08

2.5.3. Clearance
Customs overtime fee:

Official days, per shipment	5.00
Holidays, per shipment	10.00

2.5.6. Storage
Duration 1 - 3 days, per kg:

31 - 100 kg.	0.13
101 - 250 kg.	0.12
251 - 500 kg.	0.10
501 - 1000 kg.	0.09
Over 1000 kg.	0.08

Duration 4 - 10 days, per kg:

31 - 100 kg.	0.20
101 - 250 kg.	0.18
251 - 500 kg.	0.17
501 - 1000 kg.	0.16
Over 1000 kg.	0.14

Duration 11 - 20 days, per kg:

31 - 100 kg.	0.26
101 - 250 kg.	0.25
251 - 500 kg.	0.23
501 - 1000 kg.	0.22
Over 1000 kg.	0.21

Duration 21 - 30 days, per kg:

31 - 100 kg.	0.33
101 - 250 kg.	0.31
251 - 500 kg.	0.30
501 - 1000 kg.	0.29
Over 1000 kg.	0.27

Note:
For shipments stored at warehouse over 30 days the surcharge will be plus 0.75 per kg. / per day. The uncleared goods will be confiscated by Customs after 90 days including official holidays.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General
Consignment in transit through Vientiane airport must be addressed to the final destination abroad, and cargo agents must contact and arrange transit Customs formalities within 10 days at last, otherwise they will take several days and subject to re-export duty of 10% of Customs duty, with a maximum of USD 100.00.

3.2. Documentary Requirements
Customs transhipment entry prepared by carrier.

3.5. Charges
3.5.5. Transhipment

On the same master AWB	Free
AWB fee	2.00

4. Export

4.1. General
Maximum dimension of consignment per piece: See 2.1.5.
4.1.1. Packing
See 2.1.1.
4.1.2. Marking
See 2.1.2.
4.1.3. Routing
See 2.1.3.
4.1.4. Language on documents
See 2.1.4.

4.2. Documentary Requirements
Export Permit from concerned Ministry is requested due to nature of goods.

4.3. Restrictions
4.3.1. General
Live animals and woods restricted by Government.

4.4. Prohibitions
Due to special regulation for many articles shipper must enquire in advance with concerned Foreign trading Dept. see also 2.3.

4.5. Charges
4.5.2. Handling

Handling Service charge, per kg.	0.08
Live animal, per kg.	0.12
Breakbulk fee, per kg.	0.15
Safety room charge, per kg.	0.25
Minimum charge	5.00
Terminal charge, per kg.	0.05
Minimum charge	1.00

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