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Ministry of Public Works and Transport
Permanent Secretary Office

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**Executive Director
European Chamber of Commerce
And Industry in Lao PDR**

Re: Request for clarification regarding the Prime Minister Order No.15/PMO dated on 21st of April 2021 and the Notice No.0242/MPWT dated on 23rd of April 2021.

With reference to your letter, No. 0612, dated 11th of May 2021 on the clarification regarding the Prime Minister Order No.15/PMO dated on 21st of April 2021 and the Notice No.0242/MPWT dated on 23rd of April 2021, We recognized your concerns of which have been brought by a number of organization and transport units. According to the Notice No.0242/MPWT dated 23rd of April 2021, We would like to give our further explanation as follow:

1. Inter-province freight transport can transport goods and food productions to destination as usual; no additional permit is required and 14-days quarantined is not required;
2. No additional document is required for inter-district goods delivery within a province;
3. International freight trucks classified as fuels, liquid, gas, dangerous goods, perishable (living animals, frozen meat, fresh fruits and others), and equipment and machines used in government projects that are not able to be unloaded or impose high risk if unloaded are permitted to be transported to destination and immediately return once goods are unloaded. However, Transport of these types requires COVID-19 safety assurance document with the COVID-19 Taskforce at the international border checkpoint and COVID-19 test certificate is required for the driver; and
4. According to the Prime Minister's Office Notification no.528/PMO, dated on 20th of May 2021, drivers and driver's assistants of inter-province freight transport can deliver their goods up to point of destination without requiring any additional permits such as COVID-19 test certificate, COVID-19 vaccination certificate, or documents from related sector.
5. MPWT has cooperated with Department of Public Works and Transport across the nation over the mentioned issues. We believe the freight transport issues and concerns should be better now.

We believe that these will ease your concerns while building a strong cooperation between MPWT and ECCIL. *DM*

Sincerely yours,
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Permanent Secretary

