



THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ATIGA
SUBMISSION FORM FOR CASES OF THE 'MATRIX OF ACTUAL CASES'
ON TRADE BARRIERS

CASE REFERENCE ID (For Secretariat's use)	REPORTING COUNTRY	INVOLVING COUNTRY
C 8420LA	LAO PDR	THAILAND
DATE OF REPORT SUBMISSION	HS CODE AND PRODUCT DESCRIPTION (where applicable)	
24 JUNE 2020	1511.10.00	
DESCRIPTION OF TRADE BARRIER FACED <i>Please provide a description of the situation</i>		
<p>Problem of palm oil transportation from Malaysia to Laos by transit Thailand</p> <p>Lao's company has been importing palm oil from Malaysia to Laos via Sadao customs check point, Thailand. The distance long only 10-15 kms and this route has been used regularly since having trading with Malaysia.</p> <p>However, In 21 Feb 2020, the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand has issued the Notification on "palm oil and its fraction and palm oil seed subject to enforce compliance with the import and export regulation", which the main content of said regulation is determine the new transit route including new specified customs check point at Bangkok port check point;</p> <p>consequently, company has to change to the new route and customs check point in order to import palm oil but distance will be a lot longer than previous route approximately 10 times the regular route.</p> <p>On the other hand, before Thailand promulgated this notification, on 06 Jan 2020, Company had already ordered 3,000 tons of palm oil or equal to the value of 29,700,000 baths or almost one million dollars. The problem is the cost of transportation will be increased at the massively which create difficulty for the company for company to carry on due to the production cost will be also top up; therefore, company is now struggling on their business and the production chain also been suspended.</p>		
REFERENCE TO ATIGA PROVISION <i>Please provide a reference to the ATIGA provision to support your case, where applicable</i>		
<p>Article 11: Notification Procedures Article 40: Application of Non-Tariff Measures; Article 42: Elimination of Other Non-Tariff Barriers;</p>		

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS PROVIDED *(where applicable)*

Ministry of Commerce of Thailand has issued the Notification on “palm oil and its fraction and palm oil seed subject to enforce compliance with the import and export regulation”, date of issue: 21 Feb 2020