



**THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ATIGA  
SUBMISSION FORM FOR CASES OF THE “MATRIX OF ACTUAL CASES”  
ON TRADE BARRIERS**

<b>CASE REFERENCE ID</b> (For Secretariat's use)	<b>REPORTING COUNTRY</b>	<b>INVOLVING COUNTRY</b>
	Laos	Thailand
<b>DATE OF REPORT SUBMISSION</b>	<b>HS CODE AND PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b> (where applicable)	
2 December 2018	17.01 Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF TRADE BARRIER FACED</b>		
Please provide a description of the situation		
<p>Under AFTA, Thailand has issued the notice by the committee for sugar cane and sugar dated year 2008 regarding: "Principles, method, and criteria for sugar importation into Thailand under AFTA". Within this notices, the criteria 5.1 mentions about polylyzation, icumsa refining, moisture level, and sediment that the committee has defined. However, there has never been any definition reflecting or elaboration following these criteria that the committee issued. Hence, the business has never been able to make any export because they could not and had a clear information on what exactly the criteria to follow. To facilitating two sides traders, therefore Lao PDR would like to seek clarification on this matter from Thailand and confirmation that there will be a clear specified criteria for the business sector of AMS to follow as soon as possible.</p>		
<b>REFERENCE TO ATIGA PROVISION</b>		
Please provide a reference to the ATIGA provision to support your case, where applicable		
<p>ATIGA: Article 42, Elimination of Other Non-Tariff Barriers Article 65, Transparency Article 75, Technical Regulation</p>		
<b>LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS PROVIDED</b> (where applicable)		
The notice by the committee for sugar cane and sugar dated year 2008 regarding: "Principles, method, and criteria for sugar importation into Thailand under AFTA".		