

ANNEX 13C

APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 13.3 (APPROPRIATE MEASURES AGAINST ANTI-COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES) AND ARTICLE 13.4 (COOPERATION) TO LAO PDR

1. If, as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement, Lao PDR has not complied with the obligations under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 13.3 (Appropriate Measures against Anti-Competitive Activities), Lao PDR shall comply with those obligations no later than three years after the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
2. Paragraphs 3 through 11 of Article 13.3 (Appropriate Measures against Anti-Competitive Activities) and Article 13.4 (Cooperation) shall apply to Lao PDR as soon as it complies with the obligations under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 13.3 (Appropriate Measures against Anti-Competitive Activities) and, in any case, no later than three years after the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
3. During the three-year transitional period, Lao PDR shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that it is in compliance with Article 13.3 (Appropriate Measures against Anti-Competitive Activities) and Article 13.4 (Cooperation) by the end of the three-year period and shall endeavour to comply with the obligations under those Articles before the end of such period.
4. On request of a Party, Lao PDR shall inform the Parties of its progress since the date of entry into force of this Agreement in developing and adopting appropriate competition laws and regulations and in establishing an authority or authorities for the effective implementation of those laws and regulations.