

1.40 PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Peace, Independence, Democracy, Unity, Prosperity

Minister for Foreign Affairs

INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS the Protocol 8 on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit has been signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Phnom Penh, the kingdom of Cambodia, on 27 October 2000;

AND WHEREAS Article 6 paragraph 4 provides that this Protocol shall enter into force upon the deposit of Instruments of Ratification or Acceptance by all signatory governments with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

NOW THEREFORE I, Somsavat LENGSAVAD, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, declare that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic having considered the above mentioned Protocol accepts the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulation therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Acceptance.

Done at Vientiane, 9 May 2001

Somsavat LENGSAVAD