

Part 5

Section 1

Notes for Schedule of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

1. For the purposes of Article 16, the following categories indicated in Column 4 in the Schedule of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in Section 2 of this Part, shall apply:

- (a) customs duties on originating goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with "B" shall be eliminated in accordance with the following schedule;

X=Base Rate	Elimination or reduction of customs duties indicated below shall take place no later than 1 April of the following years.							
	2008	2011	2014	2017	2019	2021	2023	2026
40%≤X	Base Rate	40%	30%	25%	20%	10%	5%	0%
35%≤X<40%	35%	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%	5%	0%
30%≤X<35%	30%	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%	5%	0%
25%≤X<30%	25%	20%	20%	15%	15%	10%	Not more than 5%*	0%
20%≤X<25%	20%	20%	15%	15%	10%	10%	Not more than 5%*	0%
15%≤X<20%	15%	15%	15%	10%	10%	10%	Not more than 5%*	0%
10%≤X<15%	10%	10%	10%	10%	8%	5%	Not more than 5%*	0%
7%≤X<10%	7%	7%	7%	5%	5%	5%	Not more than 5%*	0%
5%≤X<7%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	Not more than 5%*	0%
X<5%	Base Rate							0%

* The Lao People's Democratic Republic shall, before 1 January 2023, notify the other Parties in writing customs duty to be applied.

- (b) customs duties on originating goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with "C" shall apply at the Base Rate as from the date of entry into force of this Agreement;
- (c) customs duties on originating goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with "R" shall be

reduced in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the note in Column 5 in the Schedule of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in Section 2 of this Part; and

- (d) the originating goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with "X" shall be excluded from any tariff commitment referred to in subparagraphs (a) through (c).

2. The Lao People's Democratic Republic shall reduce the rate of customs duty to not more than 5.0 per cent for the originating goods of at least 40 per cent of the tariff lines indicated with "A" and "B" by 1 April 2021.

3. The Lao People's Democratic Republic shall eliminate customs duties for the originating goods of at least 90 per cent of the tariff lines indicated with "A" and "B" by 1 April 2023.

4. The terms and conditions in the following note shall apply to originating goods specified with the letter (a) in Column 5 in the Schedule of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in Section 2 of this Part.

The rate of customs duty shall be reduced in accordance with the following schedule:

- (i) Base Rate, as from the date of entry into force of this Agreement; and
- (ii) 5.0 per cent, as from the first day of the nineteenth year.

5. For the purposes of this Part, the term "year" means, with respect to the first year, the period from the date of entry into force of this Agreement until the coming 31 March and, with respect to each subsequent year, the twelve-month period which starts on 1 April of that year.