



**Lao People's Democratic Republic**  
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**Decree**  
**on Withholding, Seizing or Freezing**  
**Funds related to Terrorists and the Financing of Terrorism**

- Pursuant to Law on the Government No. 03/NA, dated 16 November 2021;
- Pursuant to Law on Anti-Money Laundering and the Counter-Financing of Terrorism No.64/NA, dated 1 July 2024;
- Pursuant to Request made by Bank of the Lao PDR No.169/BOL, dated 22 August 2025.

**The Government issues the Decree:**

**Chapter 1**  
**General Provisions**

**Article 1 Objectives**

This Decree establishes the principles, requirements, and procedures for the implementation of targeted financial sanctions related to terrorism and terrorist financing, including the identification, withholding, seizure or freezing of the funds. It aims to ensure timely and effective implementation in accordance with international standards, to safeguard national security, maintain financial system integrity, promote international cooperation, and contribute to sustainable development.

**Article 2 Withholding, Seizing or Freezing Funds related to Terrorists or the Financing of Terrorism**

The withholding, seizing or freezing funds of designated persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing constitutes an administrative measure applied to prevent, restrict, and suppress the movement, activities, or conduct related to terrorism and terrorist financing.

**Article 3 Definition**

1. **List of persons associated with terrorism and terrorist financing** refers to the consolidated list of the United Nations Security Council and the Domestic Designations List.

2. **UN Sanctions List** refers to the list of natural person or legal persons, or organization or group of people associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, as designated by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) under Resolutions 1267 (1999), 1988 (2011), 1989 (2011), 2253 (2015), and any successor/relevant resolutions (UNSCR).
3. **The Domestic Designation List** shall refer to the list of natural person or legal persons, or organization or group of people involved in terrorist acts and the financing of terrorism according to the designation listed by Lao PDR.
4. **Fund to be withhold, Seized or Frozen** shall refer to the funds as defined under the Law on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism and other assets, which are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, wholly or jointly, by designated persons or entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing; funds derived from assets owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such designated persons or entities; funds or other assets of persons and entities acting on behalf of, or at the direction of, such designated persons or entities; and funds or other assets of natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people that provide or attempt to provide funds or other assets for the benefit of terrorism and terrorist financing, including funds derived from acts of terrorism.
5. **Transaction** refers to any financial activity carried out on behalf of a customer, including but not limited to: purchase, sale, or payment for services; deposit, withdrawal, payment order, or transfer related to banking services, microfinance, insurance, securities, precious commodities, or virtual assets. The term also covers services provided by postal enterprises, accounting firms, audit firms, law firms, lawyers, pawnshops, leasing companies, payment service providers, fund management companies, investment funds, real estate business, and casino operations.
6. **Seizure** refers to the taking into custody of funds or other assets of natural person, legal persons, organizations, or groups of people designated in the list associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, pursuant to an order of the competent authority of the Ministry of Public Security (MOPS).
7. **Freezing** refers to the prohibition against the sale, transfer, assignment, conversion, pledge, mortgage, guarantee, disposal, alteration, destruction, movement, or any form of dealing in funds or other assets, whether movable or immovable, of natural persons, legal persons, organizations, or groups of people designated in the list associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, pursuant to an order of the competent authority of the Ministry of Public Security.
8. **The National Coordination Committee for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (NCC)** refers to an ad hoc body established by appointment of the Prime Minister, composed of: the Deputy Prime Minister as Chairperson; the Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR as Deputy Chairperson and Standing Member; Deputy Ministers or Deputy Heads of relevant organizations as Deputy Chairpersons; and other appointed members. The Anti-Money Laundering Intelligence Office (AMLIO) serves as the Secretariat.

#### **Article 4 Policy on the Withholding, Seizing and Freezing Funds related to Terrorists or the Financing of Terrorism**

The Lao PDR shall implement measures to withhold, seizure or freeze the funds associated to terrorism and terrorist financing in accordance with the following principles:

1. Ensure consistency with relevant national policies, laws, regulations, and international obligations;
2. Protect national stability and security;
3. Guarantee the protection of the rights and legitimate interests of natural persons, legal persons, and organizations;
4. Ensure procedures are prompt, clear, transparent, fair, and verifiable.

#### **Article 5 Protection**

All natural persons, legal persons, and organizations, including employees, officials, reporting entities, information providers, and experts, as well as their family members, involved in the implementation of measures to withhold, seize and freeze funds or assets linked to terrorism and terrorist financing shall be protected in accordance with the law. Such protection covers against civil claims, retaliation, threats to life or health, infringement of liberty, or any harm to reputation, honor, or personal property.

Furthermore, assets, rights, and benefits of third parties acting in good faith shall be respected and legally protected.

#### **Article 6 Scope of Use**

This Decree applies to domestic and foreign natural persons, legal persons or organisations involved direct or indirect with withholding, seizing and freezing funds related to terrorism and the financing of terrorism.

### **Chapter 2**

#### **Withholding, Seizing, or Freezing of Funds of Designated Persons and Entities Associated with Terrorism and Terrorist Financing**

#### **Article 7 Withholding or Suspension**

Reporting entities and postal enterprises shall conduct ongoing customer due diligence in relation to transactions and services, whether completed or attempted but not successfully executed.

As part of customer due diligence (CDD), the postal enterprise empowered to be able to screen and examine postal consignments suspected of being related to persons or entities designated under the terrorism and terrorist financing sanctions lists.

In cases of attempted transactions that are not completed, if funds or other assets are detected or identified as belonging to, or associated with, any natural persons, legal person, organization or group of people listed as designated persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, the reporting entities and postal enterprises must withhold or suspend the transaction without prior notice to the customer and immediately report to the MOPS and AMLIO.

In cases where a completed transaction or service, if funds or other assets are detected or identified as belonging to, or associated with, any natural persons, legal person, organization or group of people listed as designated persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, the reporting entities and postal enterprises must withhold fund or other assets to prevent any movement, transfer or use, without prior notice to the customer, and immediately report to the MOPS and AMLIO.

## **Article 8      Seizure and Freezing**

Upon receipt of a report from reporting entities and postal enterprises, the MOPS shall issue an order on seizing or freezing funds or other assets of designated persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing without delay.

Funds or other assets that have been seized or frozen shall be preserved until the order of seizure and freezing is lifted, or amended, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 12 of this Decree.

## **Article 9      Procedures Following Seizure or Freezing of Funds.**

Following the issuance of an order on seizing or freezing funds, the MOPS shall promptly undertake the collection of information and evidence to determine whether the suspected person and the funds or other assets concerned are associated with, or not associated with, terrorism and terrorist financing. Such verification must be completed within thirty days. Where the collection of information and evidence involves multiple parties or is complex, this period may be extended for an additional thirty days. In cases where the collection of information and evidence requires cooperation with foreign jurisdictions, the verification must be completed within ninety days.

If it is established that the funds or other assets are not associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, or where the UNSC removes the name of the owner of the funds from the list of designated persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, the order of seizure or freezing shall be immediately lifted.

The MOPS shall notify the relevant reporting entities, postal enterprises, natural persons, legal person, organization or group of people concerned of the lifting of the administrative measures and shall ensure the prompt return of the funds or other assets without delay.

## **Article 10      Reporting of Transactions or Activities of Designated Persons and Entities Associated with Terrorism and Terrorist Financing**

Natural persons, legal person or organization that encounter any transaction or activity of natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people associated with list of terrorism and terrorist financing must immediately report such activities to the AMLIO or the MOPS in order to tenably take appropriate action and apply measures to freeze such transactions or activities.

Reporting entities, if they suspect a transaction, service or customer to be a designated person, entity or otherwise linked to terrorism and terrorist financing, must immediately file a

report with the AMLIO. For postal enterprises, such reports must be submitted without delay to the relevant authority of the MOPS.

#### **Article 11 Screening and Verification of Potential False Positive Match**

Reporting entities, postal enterprises, and other relevant parties must conduct screening and verification of information relating to natural persons, legal persons, organization or groups of people whose names are identical or similar to those of persons or entities designated on the list relating to terrorism and terrorist financing. This includes verifying identifiers such as name, surname, date of birth, and other identification documents, on an ongoing basis, to ensure that such persons are not involved in terrorism and terrorist financing activities.

In cases where reporting entities, postal enterprises, or other relevant parties are unable to confirm whether a natural persons, legal persons, organizations or group of people with an identical or similar name is in fact a designated person or entity, they must refer the matter to the MOPS and AMLIO for verification immediately.

Upon confirmation that the person or entity is only a name match (a “false positive”) and not the designated person, reporting entities, postal enterprises, and other relevant parties must immediately lift any suspension or withholding measures applied to the funds or assets.

### **Chapter 3**

#### **Measures to Mitigate the Consequences of Withholding, Seizing or Freezing Funds with respect to Natural Persons, Legal Persons, and Organizations or Groups of People**

#### **Article 12 Legal Remedies, Exemptions and Procedures for Access to Frozen or Seized Funds**

Natural persons, legal persons, and organizations designated or associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, who are adversely affected by the seizing or freezing funds, have the right to submit a request or petition to the MOPS for consideration of remedies.

The remedying of consequences from the seizing or freezing of funds in accordance with the UN Sanctions List shall be carried out as follows:

1. Return the funds to the lawful owner in accordance with the law, if such funds are under the control, use, or intended use of others for terrorist activity or terrorist financing.
2. Authorize the use of funds as necessary expenses in accordance with UNSCR 1267 (1999) and 1452 (2002) as follows:
  - 2.1 Basic expenses, such as necessary expenses for daily living, including food, rent or mortgage, medicines and medical treatment, taxes, insurance, public services, and education;
  - 2.2 Extraordinary expenses that are not basic but necessary for professional services, such as attorney fees, emergency medical treatment, or expenses necessary for lawful business operations;
  - 2.3 Payment of debts or obligations incurred prior to designation, provided that such payments are not for the benefit of the designated natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people.

3. Authorize the receipt of interest or other earnings arising from contracts, agreements, or obligations established prior to freezing by the frozen accounts, which shall remain frozen.

Regarding the consideration of requests for access to or use of funds or other assets that are frozen or seized, pursuant to the UN Sanctions List, the MOPS shall coordinate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to seek authorization from the relevant UNSC Committee, and provide all necessary supporting documentation to the said Committee.

The consideration of remedies related to funds frozen or seized under the Domestic Designation List shall be carried out as follows:

1. Return the funds to the lawful owner if the funds are under the control, use, or intended use of others for terrorist activity or terrorist financing.
2. Authorize the use of funds as necessary expenses in accordance with UNSCR 1373 (2001) and 1452 (2002) as follows:
  - 2.1 Basic expenses, such as necessary expenses for daily living, including food, rent or mortgage, medicines and medical treatment, taxes, insurance, public services, and education;
  - 2.2 Extraordinary expenses that are not basic but necessary for professional services, such as attorney fees, emergency medical treatment, or expenses necessary for lawful business operations;
  - 2.3 Expenses of fulfilling other legal obligations of the person whose assets are seized or frozen;
  - 2.4 Payment of debts or obligations incurred prior to designation, provided that such payments are not for the benefit of the designated natural person, legal person, or legal arrangement;
  - 2.5 Other expenses in accordance with the law.
3. Authorize the receipt of interest or other earnings arising from contracts, agreements, or obligations established prior to designation, which shall remain frozen.

When considering remedies related to frozen or seized funds, the MOPS shall implement necessary measures to prevent the designated persons or entities from using such funds for terrorist activities or terrorist financing.

### **Article 13 Funds Seized or Frozen without Owner's Express Consent**

Funds that are seized or frozen, whose owners or beneficiaries have not given express consent regarding the seizure or freezing of such funds, shall be coordinated by the relevant officers of the MOPS in cooperation with the competent authorities. This coordination shall be carried out and considered in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Lao PDR.

## **Chapter 4**

### **Requesting Listing and De-listing on the UN Sanctions List**

#### **Article 14 Requesting Listing or De-listing on the UN Sanctions List**

The MOPS is in charge of investigating the information and evidence related to natural persons, legal persons, organization, or groups of people proposed for listing or de-listing from

UN Sanctions List, in coordination with the MOFA, AMLIO, relevant ministries and organizations, based on the basic information as specified in Article 18, Paragraph 1, Clause 1 of this Decree and the criteria for designation as specified in the UNSCR.

After consideration, if it is concluded that there is evidentiary standard or reasonable grounds whether such a natural person, legal person, organization or group of people have or have not engaged in behaviors or activities related to terrorism and financing terrorism, the MOPS shall propose to the MOFA to submit the requesting to the UNSC for consideration.

Upon review, if it is concluded that there is sufficient and reliable information or evidence to determine whether a natural person, legal person, entity, or group of people is involved or not involved in terrorist acts or the financing of terrorism, the MOPS shall submit a recommendation to the MOFA, which will then forward the request to the UNSC for further consideration.

### **Article 15 Requesting to the United Nations Security Council**

The MOFA shall propose the de-listing of natural person, legal person and organizations or groups of people that have not engaged in behaviors or activities related to terrorism and the financing of terrorism, to the UNSC, using the standard forms specified by the UNSC through the United Nations Office of the Ombudsperson.

In addition, the MOPS shall also inform natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people designated in UN Sanctions List, of their rights and details of procedures for submitting a delisting request as well as the United Nations Office of the Ombudsperson.

### **Article 16 Communicating of the UN Sanctions List**

After the MOFA receives the UN Sanctions List, it is not necessary to conduct further investigation or consideration, but it shall immediately communicate such list to the MOPS, the Ministry of Technology and Communications (MTC), and AMLIO.

The MOPS, the MTC, and AMLIO shall notify the reporting entities, postal enterprises, and other relevant parties of the UN Sanctions List, in order to suspend transactions or services and to withhold funds, and shall propose to the MOPS to issue an Order to seize or freeze such funds related to the listed persons or those related to terrorism and the financing of terrorism within twenty-four hours after the UNSC approves or updates the list. The updated list shall be published immediately through the government website or the website of the relevant organization.

The MOPS, the MTC, AMLIO, reporting entities, postal enterprises, natural persons, legal persons, organizations, and other relevant parties may access the UN Sanctions List through the electronic system and other available channels.

## **Chapter 5**

### **Requesting Listing and De-listing on the Domestic Designation List**

#### **Article 17 Listing on the Domestic Designation List**

The proposal for designation of the Domestic Designation List shall be guided by the sources of information as follows:

1. Results from the performance of duties by competent authorities or relevant organizations.
2. Specialized activities of AMLIO, reporting entities, and postal enterprises.
3. Requests received from foreign jurisdictions.

The MOPS shall investigate the information and evidence concerning natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people proposed for designation on the Domestic Designation List in order to coordinate with the MOFA, AMLIO, relevant ministries, and organizations, and shall then submit the proposal to the NCC for consideration.

Any natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people whose are proposed to be listed in Domestic Designation List, if they have sufficient ground confirming that they are not involved in terrorism and terrorist financing, can submit a request to the relevant authority for the review of designation decision in accordance the law.

### **Article 18      Consideration of Listing on the Domestic Designation List**

The MOPS considers the proposal to designation of the Domestic Designation List based on any of the following grounds:

1. Natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people, if there is evidentiary standard or reasonable grounds that can be proven or verified that such natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people have the purpose of providing assistance, supporting, supplying funds, equipment, or technology, goods or services, or engage in behaviors or activities as stipulated under the Law on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism, and other relevant laws and regulations;
2. Natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people that a foreign jurisdiction has requested to be designated in the Domestic Designation List, provided that the requesting jurisdiction has evidentiary standard or reasonable grounds that can verify that such persons have behaviors or activities as stipulated under the Law on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism, and other relevant laws and regulations.

After consideration, if the MOPS finds that there is evidentiary standard or reasonable grounds that can confirm the conduct or actions of natural person, legal person, organization or group of people meets any of the grounds specified in Paragraph 1 of this Article, it must immediately propose to the NCC for consideration of designation under the Domestic Designation List or, where appropriate, to make an immediate request to a foreign jurisdiction through the MOFA, without requiring judicial proceedings or a court ruling, or the occurrence of a criminal act.

The MOPS must notify the rights, obligations, and details of the request to the natural person, legal person, organization or group of people listed in the Domestic Designation List after the NCC has decided to include such persons in the Domestic Designation List, or after the request has been submitted to the foreign jurisdiction.

Further details regarding the designation of the Domestic Designation List are specified in separate regulations.



## **Article 19 Requests of the Lao PDR to Foreign Jurisdiction**

After consideration, if the MOPS finds that there is evidentiary standard or reasonable grounds that can verify that natural persons, legal persons, organizations or groups of people have engaged in behaviors or activities as stipulated under the Law on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism and other relevant laws and regulations of the Lao PDR, the MOPS must propose to the MOFA to submit a request on behalf of the Lao PDR to foreign jurisdictions for consideration to designate such names in the terrorist and terrorism financing list of those states.

In the event of changes in the information of a person listed on the Domestic Designation List that are related to the terrorist and terrorism financing lists of foreign jurisdictions, the MOPS must immediately notify the relevant foreign jurisdictions of such changes without delay.

## **Article 20 De-Listing from the Domestic Designation List**

Any natural person, legal person, organization or group of people who have verifiable information confirming that they themselves have not engaged in behaviors or activities related to terrorism and the financing of terrorism may submit a request to the MOPS to consider the removal of their names from the Domestic Designation List.

The MOPS must review the information and evidence related to the request for removal from the list, in coordination with the MOFA, AMLIO, relevant ministries, and organizations. In cases where, upon consideration, it is confirmed with information and evidence that such natural person, legal person, organization or group of people requesting removal from the list have not engaged in behaviors or activities related to terrorism and the financing of terrorism as prescribed in Article 18, Paragraph 1 of this Decree, the MOPS shall immediately propose to the NCC the removal of their names from the Domestic Designation List.

## **Article 21 Notification of the results of requests to foreign jurisdictions**

The MOPS shall notify the results the requesting foreign jurisdictions of the result concerning the designation, non-designation or de-listing of names from the Domestic Designation List through the MOFA.

## **Article 22 Communicating on the Domestic Designation List**

After the NCC has approved the Domestic Designation List, the MOPS shall communicate the lists to the MTC and AMLIO to notify reporting entities, postal enterprises, and other relevant sectors, as well as to publish the said lists on the government website or on the website of the relevant organization without delay.

The MOPS, the MTC, AMLIO, reporting entities, postal enterprises, natural persons, legal persons, organizations, and other relevant sectors may access the Domestic Designation List through the electronic system or other available channels.

The MTC and AMLIO shall notify the Domestic Designation List to reporting entities and postal enterprises to suspend transactions or services and to withhold funds, and shall propose to the MOPS to issue an order to seize or freeze the funds of those listed or associated

with terrorism and terrorist financing, within twenty-four hours after the NCC has approved or updated the Domestic Designation List.

## **Chapter 6**

### **Prohibitions**

#### **Article 23 General Prohibitions**

Natural persons, legal persons and organisations are prohibited from the following behaviors:

1. Related to the funds or assets of natural persons, legal persons, and organizations or group people designated in the list of persons associated with terrorism and terrorist financing.
2. Engaging in activities or operations related to funds while knowing that those funds are owned, controlled, or possessed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part or acting on behalf of or under the direction of natural person, legal person, organization, or group people designated in the list of persons associated with terrorism and terrorist financing.
3. Transforming the assets or funds of natural persons, legal persons, and organizations or group people designated in the list of persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, whether directly or indirectly, in whole or in part.
4. Engaging in or participating in terrorism and terrorist financing.
5. Engaging in or providing any form of assistance to terrorism and terrorist financing;
6. Interacting with natural persons, legal persons and organizations or group people designated in the list of persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing.
7. Giving, receiving bribes, or acting as an intermediary in giving or receiving bribes to relevant employees and officials.
8. Falsification of documents or use of falsified documents.
9. Concealment, covering up, threatening, delaying, and/or obstructing the performance of duties by the relevant staffs or officers.
10. Reporting false information regarding the discovery or suspicion of transactions or activities related or potentially related to natural persons, legal persons, organizations, or group people designated in the list of persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing.
11. Other activities that contravene laws and regulations.

#### **Article 24 Prohibitions for Reporting entities, Postal Enterprises, and relevant sectors**

Reporting entities, Postal Enterprises, and related parties are prohibited from engaging in the following behaviours:

1. Engaging with shell banks, non-existent financial institutions, legal persons or organizations without legal personality.

2. Dealing with banks in countries that do not have laws or regulations regarding the seizure, seizure and freezing of funds of persons and entities on the list of those involved in terrorism and terrorist financing.
3. Conducting business or transactions with natural person, legal persons, organisations or group people designated in the list of persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing.
4. Bribery of the relevant staff or officer concerned or acting as an intermediary therein.
5. Other activities that contravene laws and regulations.

## **Article 25 Prohibitions for relevant staffs and authorities**

The relevant staffs and authorities are prohibited from the following behaviours:

1. Abuse of their rights, duties, and/or position, use of violence, and/or coercion to seek gains for themselves and/or their families, relatives, and/or associates by withholding, seizing and/or freezing funds associated with the terrorists or the financing of terrorism or group people designated in the list of persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing.
2. Disclosing confidential information concerning the withholding, seizure or freezing of fund related to terrorists or the financing of terrorism to natural persons, legal persons or organisations who are not associated therewith.
3. Collusion with natural persons, legal persons, and organizations or group people designated in the list of persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing.
4. Giving, receiving bribes, or acting as an intermediary in giving or receiving bribes to relevant employees and officials.
5. Negligence with respect to their duties and responsibilities or delaying the processing of documents.
6. Other activities that contravene laws and regulations.

## **Chapter 7**

### **Supervision and Inspection of Withholding, Seizure or Freezing of Funds related to Terrorists and The Financing of Terrorism**

#### **Article 26 Supervision and Inspection Authority**

NCC is oversight agency for supervising and inspecting the activities related to withholding, seizure or freezing of funds of group people listed on the Domestic Designations List and UN Sanctions List and also acts as the coordinating authority in collaboration with the MOPS, MOFA, MTC, Bank of the Lao PDR (BOL), other ministries, organisations, local government, and other relevant.

#### **Article 27 Rights and Duties of the National Coordination Committee on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism**

The NCC has the rights and duties as the following:

1. Research and develop policies and regulations on the withholding, seizing and freezing funds of persons and entities associated with terrorism and terrorist financing to submit to the government for consideration.
2. Extend policies, laws, and regulations related to the work of withholding, seizing, and freezing assets of persons and entities designated in the list of persons associated with terrorism and terrorist financing, including developing plans, programs, and projects, along with organizing their implementation.
3. Publicize policies, laws, strategic plans, regulations, programs, work plans, and projects related to the work of withholding, seizing and freezing funds of persons and entities on the list of those involved in terrorism and terrorist financing.
4. Approve action plans and legislations concerning the freeze, seizure, and freezing of funds that is related with terrorists or the financing of terrorism.
5. Endorsement of the listing and delisting of natural persons, legal person, organization or groups of people on the domestic designation list related to terrorism and terrorist financing.
6. Steer, support, supervise, monitor the implementation of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists or the financing of terrorism by the organisations concerned.
7. Guide the capacity building concerning with the withholding, seizing and freezing funds related to terrorists or the financing of terrorism by the relevant organizations.
8. Appoint sub-committees to coordinate and implement the mechanisms of withholding, seizing or freezing related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism.
9. Steer the coordination and cooperation works at regional and international level regarding the withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to the terrorists and financing of terrorism.
10. Summarise and report on its work to government on a regular basis.
11. Deploy the rights and duties as specified in the law and assigned by government.

## **Article 28 Rights and Duties of the Ministry of Public Security**

MOPS has rights and duties with supervising and inspecting works of withholding, seizing and freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism as the followings:

1. Take proactive of coordinating, conducting to consideration and resolution regarding seized and frozen funds.
2. Research, create and improve legislation on the withholding, seizing and freezing of funds of those on the list of those involved in terrorism and the financing of terrorism.
3. The collection or compilation of information, in any form, which there is credible, sufficient, and relevant information or elements in line with the designation criteria of listing persons and entities involved in terrorism and the financing of terrorism.
4. Manage, monitor and inspect the funds that have been seized and frozen.
5. Submit the list of persons and entities related to terrorism and the financing of terrorism to the border checkpoints of the Lao PDR.
6. Submit the Domestic Designation List to the MTC and AMLIO.

7. Issue an order to seize or freeze funds immediately based on the report from the reporting entities, including postal enterprises, natural person, legal person, or any organization currently utilizing administrative measures.
8. Propose to NCC to consider adding or removing a name from the Domestic Designation List.
9. Notify to reporting entities to update them and terminate the application of provisional measure in the case of the fund that not associated with the list of persons associated with terrorism and terrorist financing.
10. Coordinate with the relevant ministries, organisations, and local governments in withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists or the financing of terrorism.
11. Summarise and report on withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists or the financing of terrorism.
12. Deploy rights and duties as defined in the laws and regulations.

## **Article 29 Rights and Duties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

MOFA has the rights and duties with supervising and inspecting works of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism as the followings:

1. Communicate the UN Sanctions List to the MOPS, MTC, and AMLIO immediately upon receiving it from the UN.
2. Propose to the UNSC to add or remove a name from the list of the UN Sanctions List.
3. Submit a request from the Lao PDR to foreign jurisdictions to listed of terrorist and financing of terrorism of that state.
4. Summarise and report on withholding, seizure or freezing of funds related to terrorists or the financing of terrorism of the Lao PDR to the UNSC to the obligations as specified in the relevant UNSCRs.
5. Perform rights and duties as defined in the laws and regulations.

## **Article 30 Rights and Duties of the Ministry of Technology and Communication**

MTC has the rights and duties with supervising and inspecting the activities of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism as the followings:

1. Monitor and inspect the implementation of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism within its own postal enterprise and periodically report to the next higher supervision.
2. Provide the information of natural person, legal person, organisations or group of people detected as potentially at risk with terrorists or the financing of terrorism to relevant sectors.
3. Submit the list of persons and entities involved in terrorism and the financing of terrorism to the postal enterprise in periodically.
4. Perform rights and duties as defined in the laws and regulations.

### **Article 31 Rights and duties of the Anti-Money Laundering Intelligence Office**

AMLIO has the rights and duties with supervising and inspecting the activities of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism as the followings:

1. Monitor and inspect the implementation of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism at the reporting entities that it's under its own supervision.
2. Immediately notify the list of persons and entities involved in terrorism and the financing of terrorism to the reporting entities.
3. Enhance the capacity building to the relevant organisations working on withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to the terrorists and the financing of terrorism.
4. Coordinate with the MOPS, MTC, ministries, provincial and relevant authorities to consider in using provision measure to natural person, legal persons, group of people, organisations, reporting entities and postal enterprises that violate this Decree.
5. Perform rights and duties as defined in the laws and regulations.

### **Article 32 Rights and duties of the Ministries, Organisations, Local Government, and relevant Authorities**

Ministries, organisations, local government, and relevant authorities have the rights and duties to cooperate and coordinate with the NCC and AMLIO over the withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism in accordance with the scope of its roles and responsibilities.

### **Article 33 Content for Inspection**

Inspection of activities on withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism are following:

1. Implementation of laws and regulations with the activities of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism.
2. The exercise of rights and fulfilment of duties by staffs and relevant authorities.
3. The establishment and implementation of plans concerning the activities of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to the terrorists and the financing of terrorism.
4. Other content that is deemed necessary.

### **Article 34 Forms of Inspection**

The inspection of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism are taken in the following three forms:

1. Regular inspection, which is an inspection carried out according to a planned schedule and at a fixed time.
2. Inspection with prior notification, which is a planned inspection deemed necessary, with advance notice given to the target being inspected.
3. Sudden inspection, which is an urgent inspection conducted without notifying the target in advance.

In carrying out inspections on the activities of withholding, seizing or freezing funds related to terrorists and the financing of terrorism must be conducted strictly in accordance with the law.

## **Chapter 8**

### **Policies for Outstanding Achievers and Penalties for Violators**

#### **Article 35 Policies for Outstanding Achievers**

Natural person, legal persons and organisations making outstanding achievements in their implementation and enforcement of this this decree will be commended or benefit from the policies in accordance with laws and regulations.

#### **Article 36 Penalties for Violators**

Natural person, legal persons and organisations violating this decree shall be warnings, educated, disciplined, fined, compensatory damages, and/or criminal punishment, depending on the severity of the case.

## **Chapter 9**

### **Final Provisions**

#### **Article 37 Implementation**

The Bank of the Lao PDR is responsible for organizing and implementing this decree effectively and efficiently.

Ministries, organisations, local government, and other relevant are to recognise and strict implementation of this decree.

#### **Article 38 Entry into Force**

This Decree enters into force from the date of signature.

**Government of the Lao PDR**

**The Prime Minister**