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**LAW
ON STATE INSPECTION**

**Part I
General Inspection**

Article 1 Objective

The Law on State inspection determines the principles, regulations and measures on the organizations and activities of the State inspection authorities in order to strengthen the inspection activities and enable them to be examinable effectively, to seek the strengths and activeness for encouragement and promotion, the weaknesses, misconducts and violation of laws and regulations by organizations and individuals, such as corruption, bureaucracy, luxuries, gaps of administrative mechanism and others for the determination of the prevention, combat and resolution measures aiming at raising of effectiveness of State and socio-economic management, protecting the interests of State and collectives, including the legal rights and interests of the citizens.

Article 2 Inspection

Inspection refers to monitor, data and information collection and evidences relating to the implementation of policies, laws and regulations, duties, responsibilities of the organizations and individuals in the State administrative authorities in order to consider, evaluate, assess of such implementation together with the proposition of methods and measures for the resolution of the results of inspection in accordance with the laws and regulations.

Article 3 Definition of terms

Terms using in this Law shall have the following meanings:

1. **Inspection of State administrative authorities** refers to the inspection activities on the organization and implementation of policies, laws, regulations and duties of the ministries, ministry-equivalents agencies, provincial, capital, districts, municipalities and other State organizations concerned, including organizations and individuals directly depending to such;
2. **State inspection according to administrative levels** refers to inspection activities of the State inspection authorities on the organization and

implementation of policies, laws, regulations and duties of the organizations and individuals depending to the management according to administrative levels;

3. **State inspection according to sectors** refers to inspection activities of the State inspection authorities on the organization and implementation of policies, laws, regulations, technical provisions of the organizations and individuals depending to the management of such sectors;
4. **Inspection committee** refers to units which are assigned to carry out the inspection time by time;
5. **State inspection officers** refer to individuals recruited in the State inspection authorities according to administrative levels or sectors who are assigned to carry out the inspection at the central and local administrative authorities;
6. **Issuer of decision** refer to organization or individual who is authorized to issue the decision on inspection;
7. **Surrounded provincial, city divisions** refer to divisions which are depending to the provincial, city administrative authorities, including the provincial, city cabinets.

Article 4 Policy on inspection activities

State promotes and creates conditions for the strict inspection by issuing the policies, laws and regulations to serve as references for the effectiveness of inspection activities with the view to make the management of State, economy and society strengthen, transparent, fair and in compliance with the laws and regulations.

Article 5 Principles of State inspection

State inspection shall be carried out as follows:

1. Strictly comply with the laws and regulations;
2. Be democratic, objective and transparent;
3. Ensure the clearness, justice, punctuality and disclose;
4. Ensure the people's participation and organizations of all levels, including mass organizations;
5. Do not create unnecessary difficulties to the activities of inspected organizations and individuals.

Article 6 Responsibilities on State inspection

The Prime Minister, ministers, Heads of ministry-equivalents agencies, provincial and capital governors, Heads of districts and municipalities and heads of other State organizations concerned have the duties to organize, direct, lead and create favorable conditions to the State inspection activities, particularly, the authorization of State inspection projects and plans under their own responsibilities, rights and duties and to strictly resolve the results of inspection in accordance with the laws and regulations.

Article 7 Rights and duties in contributing to State inspecting

All organizations of the Party, State, Lao Front for National Construction, mass organizations, social organizations, mass media and people have the rights and duties to contribute to the State inspection activities by participation, facilitation, on time reporting and supplying of data and

information and evidences, including cooperation in organization and implementation of the decisions on resolution of the inspection results.

Article 8 Protection

State inspection officers, reporters, data and information providers, witnesses, experts and participants in State inspection activities shall be legally protected from revenges and threats to life, health, freedom, honor and reputation, properties of the inspected persons and others.

Article 9 Scope of Law

This Law applies to all organizations, leading, managing and technical officers, staffs of State enterprises and civil servants performing their duties in the State administrative authorities and other organizations concerned from the central down to local levels.

For the Supreme People's Court, Supreme People Prosecutors' Offices, Lao Front for National Construction, mass organizations and other State organizations, separate State inspection authorities shall be established by themselves, but inspection activities of such shall follow this Law.

With regard to the State inspection organizations and activities in the Ministry of National Defenses and Ministry of Public Security, specific regulations are provided for.

Article 10 International relation and cooperation

State promotes the relation and cooperation with foreign countries and international organizations on State inspection activities by exchanging lessons, data and information, technology, trainings or seminars, enhancement of knowledge and technical capacity in order to develop the inspection activities to be qualitative, strengthened and modernized.

**Part II
Types, References, Forms,
Contents and Targets of State Inspection**

Article 11 Types of inspection

State inspection is comprised of two types:

1. Inspection according to administrative levels;
2. Inspection according to sector.

Article 12 Inspection decision references

Decisions of State inspection are based on:

1. Projects and plans of inspection;
2. Orders, notices or decisions;
3. proposals of citizens;
4. Identification of laws and regulations violations.

Article 13 Forms of inspection

State inspection consists of three forms as follows:

1. Regular planned inspection;

2. Inspection based on orders or proposals;
3. Emergency inspection.

Regular planned inspection refers to inspection in accordance with the plans fixed by the State inspection authorities and by State inspection committees at each level.

Inspection based on orders or proposals refers to inspection based on orders, decisions, recommendations and notices of the heads of administrative authorities and State inspection committees at each level and on the proposals of citizens with prior notification to the inspected targets.

Emergency inspection refers to urgent inspection without any prior notification to the inspected targets.

Article 14 Contents of inspection

The contents of inspection are the inspection of the implementation of:

- Policies, laws, regulations, plans, rights, duties and management responsibilities according to the administrative levels;
- Regulations on technique and management principles according to sectors.

Article 15 Inspection targets

The targets of the State inspection according to administrative levels and sectors are the organizations and individuals working under the responsibilities of the respective administrative authorities and other organizations concerned and sectors.

Part III State Inspection Activities

Section 1 Stages of State Inspection

Article 16 Stages of inspection

State inspection shall be carried out by the following stages:

1. Decisions on inspection;
2. Preparation of inspection;
3. Inspection carrying out;
4. Summary of inspection results;
5. Inspection result reporting.

Article 17 Inspection deciders

The persons authorized to decide on the inspection accordingly to the cases are: the Prime Minister, President of the Government Inspection Authority, ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies, provincial and capital governors, heads of the provincial and capital divisions of State inspection, heads of surrounded provincial and city divisions, districts and municipalities governors, heads of districts and municipalities offices of State inspection.

- Article 18 Preparation of inspection
Inspection preparation shall be done as follows:
1. Appoint the inspection committees or inspection task forces;
 2. Collect data and information and documents, set up the inspection plans by determining the objectives and contents of inspection, draft the questionnaires and the minutes, prepare the draft of report structure for the targets reporting and the schedule of activities for each period;
 3. Prepare necessary documents relating to the inspection, budget, vehicles and equipments;
 4. Give instructions to the inspecting officers to know the objectives, expectation, contents and internal rules of inspection and allocate the responsibilities to each member of the inspection committee.
- Article 19 Inspection carrying out
Inspection shall be carried out as follows:
1. Notify the head of agencies of the inspected targets on the decisions and plans of inspection and collect the data and information and, then, notify the same to the inspected targets seven days in advance before carrying out the inspection, except in case of emergency inspection;
 2. Carry out the planned inspection, mainly, listening the reporting of the inspected targets and at the same time make the minutes of such reporting and of the transfer and receipt of documents ;
 3. Report and request the guidance on inspection carrying out of each period from higher authorities;
 4. Make the minutes of inspection.
- Article 20 Fixation of inspection duration
The duration of inspection operation is as follows:
- For the Government Inspection Authority the duration shall not exceed ninety days from the starting date of inspection. In case of failure of completion, the duration may be extended more thirty days. In case of exceptional difficulties involving many sectors and localities the duration may also be extended more days but entire duration shall not be exceeded one hundred and eighty days;
 - For the State inspection departments of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies and provincial and city divisions of State inspection the duration shall not be exceeded sixty days from the starting date of inspection. In case of exceptional difficulties the duration may be extended more thirty days;
 - For the State inspection sectors of the surrounded provincial and city divisions, district and municipalities the duration shall not be exceeded thirty days from the starting date of inspection. In case of difficulties or in remotes areas the duration may be extended more fifteen days.
- Article 21 Summary of inspection results
The inspection results shall be summarized as follows:
1. Summarize all documents, data and information, evidences and examined minutes into a summary of the inspection results;

2. Evaluate and analyze in details the strengths, weakness, lawful and wrongful acts of the inspected targets, including the proposal of measures and methods of resolution in conformity with the laws and regulations;
3. Examine and approve summary by the inspection committee and, then, forward such summary to the leadership of the inspected targets and inspected persons for comments and certification within fifteen days from the receiving date;
4. The inspection committees, heads of the inspected targets agencies and the inspected persons shall sign the summary for inspection result certification.

Article 22 Inspection result reporting

After the completion of inspection the inspection committees shall send the inspection result report to the inspection decision issuers for consideration of the inspection result resolution in accordance with the laws and regulations and to their higher authorities.

Section 2
Consideration and Resolution
Of the Inspection Results

Article 23 Consideration and resolution of the inspection results

The issuers of inspection decisions shall consider the inspection results within fifteen days from the date of receiving the inspection result report and shall notify the outcomes of consideration to the inspected targets agencies and inspected persons within seven days.

In case of minor violation of laws and regulations causing minor losses the issuers of decisions shall propose the concerned agencies of the inspected targets to resolve the results by using the educational, warning or disciplined measures to the violators together with the compensation for damages occurred.

In case of civil or criminal offences the decisions issuers shall submit the case files to the concerned organizations for prosecution in accordance with the judicial processes.

The above mentioned organizations shall notify the outcomes of resolution to the inspection decisions issuers within thirty days from the submission receiving date.

Article 24 Inspection result resolution monitoring

In the event that the relevant organizations as stipulated in Article 23 of this Law failed to resolve or inappropriately resolve the results the inspection the decision issuers have the rights to propose the higher authorities of the agencies concerned to consider and resolve them as well as to report their higher State inspection authorities for further guidance.

Article 25 Duration of documents keeping

The documents on the inspection results shall be managed and kept at least ten years.

Part IV State Inspection Authorities

Section 1 State Inspection Authorities System

Article 26 State inspection authorities

The State inspection authorities are the bodies established according to the various levels of the administrative authorities and sectors under the direct guidance of the heads of relevant agencies at their own levels and under the technical recommendations of the State higher inspection authorities.

Article 27 State inspection authorities system

The system of State inspection authorities consists of:

1. State inspection authorities according to administrative levels which are comprised of:
 - Government Inspection Authority;
 - Provincial, city divisions of State inspection;
 - District, municipality offices of State inspection.
2. State inspection authorities according to sectors which are comprised of:
 - State inspection departments of ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies;
 - State inspection sectors of surrounded provincial, city divisions.

With regard to the State inspection authorities at **Thabuang** (Authority/Agency) levels such organizations might be established the forms of departments or division according to the authorization of the Government.

Section 2 State Inspection Authorities According to Administrative Levels

A. Government Inspection Authority

Article 28 Place and roles

The Government Inspection Authority is a State inspection authority at central level which has its status equivalent to the ministry, includes in the government structure and plays its roles as a secretariat to the Government in respect of State inspection, prevention and combat against corruption, study and consideration of the proposals of the citizens within the scope of the Government rights and duties and direct such activities throughout the country.

Article 29 Rights and duties

The Government inspection authority has the rights and duties as follows:

1. Study strategic plan on activities of State inspection, prevention and combat against corruption to submit the Government for consideration;
2. Study policies, plans, decisions, orders of the Government and develop them into detailed plans, programs and projects of its own plans for implementation;
3. Propose to create or amend the laws, presidential edicts and decrees, Prime Minister's decrees to the Government for consideration; issue the decisions, orders, instructions and notices for State inspection macro-management;
4. Disseminate and publish the policies, laws and regulations on State inspection;
5. Direct and monitor the implementation of State inspection activities throughout the country;
6. Build, train and enhance technical levels of inspection activities to the officers and civil servants working in the fields of State inspection;
7. Inspect the implementation of policies, laws and regulations, plans, rights and duties, responsibilities of ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies, provinces, capitals and administrative officers under the management of the central authorities;
8. Inspect the activities relating to the management responsibilities of several ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies and agencies depending to the Government and of several provinces and cities;
9. Study and consider the proposals of citizens relating to the conducts and decisions of the organizations or administrative officers under the central level management on any issues which violate the laws and regulations; study and consider the citizens' proposals which have been resolved by the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies, provinces and cities, but the said citizens have seen that the resolution of such is inappropriate;
10. Exercise the rights and duties on prevention and combat against corruption as prescribed by the laws;
11. Relate and coordinate with the State organizations at central and local levels, including the agencies having responsibilities on State and independent audits relating to inspection operation, the resolution and implementation of the inspection results according to their roles;
12. Propose the measures and methods of inspection results resolution to the organizations concerned for consideration and report the Government;
13. Internationally cooperate on State inspection activities;
14. Regularly summarize and report the State inspection activities and inspection results under the Government responsibilities to the Prime Minister and to the Standing Committee of the National Assembly;
15. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by the Prime Minister and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 30 Structure

The personnel structure of the Government inspection authority is as follows:

- President;
- Vice-Presidents;
- A number of Vice-Presidents;
- Technical officers;

The organizational structure of the Government Inspection Authority is determined in specific regulations.

Article 31 President of Government Inspection Authority

The president of the Government Inspection Authority is appointed and removed by the same methods as of the Government members and has the responsibilities before the Prime Minister and has the duties to report the Standing Committee of the National Assembly on the activities of State inspection, prevention and combat against corruption.

The president of the Government Inspection Authority has the rights and duties as follows:

1. Develop the resolution of the Government meeting and the resolution of the General meeting on inspection throughout the country into plans and projects for implementation;
2. Direct, lead and inspect the organization and implementation of State inspection throughout the country;
3. Issue the decisions, orders, instructions and notices on State inspection activities to enhance the effectiveness of the organization and implementation of State inspection from the central down to the local levels;
4. Suspend, repeal or cancel the decisions, orders, instructions, notices or other legal acts of the lower level authorities which are in contradiction with the laws and regulations or with the legal acts of the higher level authorities;
5. Coordinate with the Supreme People Prosecutors Offices in order to propose the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies and provincial, city governors to suspend, repeal or cancel the legal acts of the heads of such organizations which are contradicted the laws and regulations. In case of failure to comply with the proposals, the proposition should be submitted to the Prime Minister for consideration;
6. Propose the Government to create or amend the laws and regulations, presidential decrees, prime minister' decrees on State inspection activities;
7. Decide to carry out the State inspection according to his/her rights and duties. In the important case, decision on such should be proposed to the Government for consideration;
8. Propose the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies and provincial, city governors to carry out the inspection within the management responsibilities of ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies, provinces and cities;
9. Propose the Prime Minister to consider and resolve the results of inspection within the Government management responsibility;

10. Consider and propose to reconsider the problems of disagreement on State inspection activities between the heads of ministerial departments of State inspection and the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalents agencies and between the heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection and provincial, city governors;
11. Propose the Prime Minister to consider the appointment or remove of the vice-presidents, heads of cabinets and heads of departments of the Government inspection authority;
12. Appoint or remove the deputy heads of cabinets, deputy heads of departments, heads and deputy heads of divisions of the Government Inspection Authority;
13. Appoint and remove the heads and deputy heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection, heads and deputy heads of district, municipality offices of State inspection on the proposition of local administrative authorities concerned;
14. Relate and cooperate with foreign countries according to his/her roles and by assignment of the Government;
15. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by the Prime Minister and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 32 Vice-Presidents of Government Inspection Authority

The-Vice Presidents of Government Inspection Authority are appointed and removed by the Prime Minister on the proposition of the President of Government Inspection Authority.

The Vice-Presidents have the rights and duties to assist the President of the Government Inspection Authority and responsible for the tasks assigned by the President. In case of business or incapacity of duties exercise, the Vice-President who has been assigned shall be acting on behalf the President.

B. Provincial, City Divisions of State Inspection

Article 33 Place and roles

The provincial, city divisions of State inspection are the organizations within the apparatus structure of the provincial, city administrative authorities, playing roles as secretariats for the provincial, city governors in State inspection, prevention and fighting against corruption, study and consideration of the proposals of the citizens within the scope of rights and duties of provincial, city administrative authorities and direct the district, municipality offices of State inspection and State inspection sectors of surrounded provincial, city divisions of State inspection.

The provincial, city divisions of State inspection carry out their activities under the technical guidance of the Government Inspection Authority.

Article 34 Rights and duties

The provincial, city divisions of State inspection have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Study and develop the policies, plans, decisions and orders of the Government inspection authority and provincial, city administrative authorities into detailed plans, programs and projects for implementation;
2. Disseminate and publish the policies, laws and regulations on State inspection activities;
3. Direct and inspect the State inspection activities of the lower level authorities;
4. Train and enhance technical levels of inspection activities to the officers and civil servants working in the fields of State inspection;
5. Inspect the implementation of policies, laws and regulations, plans, rights and duties, responsibilities of surrounded provincial, city divisions and administrative officers under the provincial management;
6. Inspect the activities relating to the management responsibilities of several divisions and several districts, municipalities depending to the provincial, city administrative authorities;
7. Study and consider the proposals of citizens relating to the conducts and decisions of the organizations or administrative officers under the management responsibilities of the provincial level authorities on any issues which violated the laws and regulations; study and consider the citizens' proposals which have been resolved by the surrounded provincial, city divisions, district and municipality divisions, but the said citizens have seen that the resolution of such is inappropriate;
8. Exercise the rights and duties on prevention and fighting against corruption as prescribed by the laws;
9. Relate and coordinate with the State organizations at provincial and district levels, including the agencies having responsibilities on State and independent audits relating to inspection operation, the resolution and implementation of the inspection results according to their roles;
10. Propose the measures and methods of inspection results resolution to the organizations concerned for consideration and report the consecutive higher level authorities;
11. Internationally cooperate on State inspection activities as authorized by the higher level authorities;
12. Regularly summarize and report the State inspection activities and inspection results within the management of the provinces and cities to the provincial and city governors, the President of the Government Inspection Authority and members of the National Assembly in the elected areas;
13. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by the provincial, city governors, President of the Government Inspection Authority and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 35 Structure

The personnel structure of a provincial, city division of State inspection is as follows:

- Head;

- A number of deputy heads;
- Technical officers.

The organizational structure of the provincial, city divisions of State inspection is determined in specific regulations.

Article 36 Heads of provincial, city divisions

The heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection are appointed and removed by the President of the Government inspection Authority on the proposition of the provincial, city governors.

The heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Develop the resolution the resolution of the General meeting on inspection, resolution of the meetings of provincial, city administrative authorities into plans and projects for implementation;
2. Direct, lead and inspect the organization and implementation of State inspection within the provinces and cities, districts and municipalities;
3. Issue the decisions, orders, instructions and notices on State inspection activities to enhance the effectiveness of the organization and implementation of State inspection from the provinces down to the districts and municipalities;
4. Suspend, repeal or cancel the decisions, orders, instructions, notices or other legal acts of the lower level authorities which are in contradiction with the laws and regulations or with the legal acts of the higher level authorities;
5. Coordinate with the provincial, city people prosecutor offices in order to propose the heads of surrounded provincial, city, district, municipality governors to suspend, repeal or cancel the legal acts of the heads of such organizations which are contradicted the laws and regulations. In case of failure to comply with the proposals, the proposition should be submitted to the provincial, city governors for consideration and report to the Present of the Government Inspection Authority;
6. Decide to carry out the State inspection according to his/her rights and duties. In the important case, decision on such should be proposed to the provincial, city governors for consideration;
7. Propose the heads of surrounded provincial, city divisions, district, municipalities governors to carry out the inspection within their management responsibilities;
8. Propose the provincial, city governors to consider and resolve the results of inspection within their management responsibility. In case of failure of consideration or inappropriate consideration the proposition shall be submitted to the President of the Government Inspection authority for consideration;
9. Consider and propose to reconsider the problems of disagreement on State inspection activities between the heads of sectors of State inspection of the divisions and the heads of divisions and heads of

- district, municipality offices. In case of failure of reconsideration or inappropriate consideration the proposition shall be submitted to the provincial, city governors for consideration and decision;
10. Relate and cooperate with foreign countries as authorized by the higher level authorities;
 11. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by the provincial, city governors and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 37 Deputy heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection

The deputy heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection are appointed and removed by the President of the Government Inspection Authority on the proposition of the provincial, city governors.

The deputy heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection have the rights and duties to assist the provincial, city heads of divisions of State inspection and are responsible for the tasks assigned by the latter. In case of business or incapacity of duties exercise, the deputy heads who have been assigned shall be acting on behalf the division heads.

C. District, Municipality Offices of State Inspection

Article 38 Place and roles

The district, municipality offices of State inspection are the organizations within the apparatus structure of the district, municipality administrations, playing roles as secretariats for the district, municipality governors in State inspection, study and consideration of the proposals of the citizens within the scope of rights and duties of district, municipality administrations.

The district, municipality offices of State inspection carry out their activities under the technical guidance of the provincial, city divisions of State inspection.

Article 39 Rights and duties

The district, municipality offices have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Organize and implementation of the policies, laws and regulations, plans, decision, orders on State inspection activities of the higher level authorities;
2. Disseminate and publish the policies, laws and regulations on State inspection activities;
3. Inspect the implementation of policies, laws and regulations, plans, rights and duties, responsibilities of surrounded district, municipality offices, villages and administrative officers under the district management;
4. Inspect the activities relating to the management responsibilities of several offices and several villages depending to the district, municipality administrative authorities;
5. Study and consider the proposals of citizens relating to the conducts and decisions of the organizations or administrative officers under the management responsibilities of the district level authorities on any

issues which violated the laws and regulations; study and consider the citizens' proposals which have been resolved by the surrounded district, municipality offices and villages, but the said citizens have seen that the resolution of such is inappropriate;

6. Relate and coordinate with the State organizations at district and village levels relating to inspection operation, the resolution and implementation of the inspection results according to their roles;
7. Propose the measures and methods of inspection results resolution to the organizations concerned for consideration and report the consecutive higher level authorities;
8. Regularly summarize and report the State inspection activities and inspection results within the management of the districts to the heads of provincial, city divisions and district governors.
9. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by the district governors, heads of municipalities, heads of the provincial, city divisions of State inspection and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 40 Structure

The personnel structure of a district, municipality office of State inspection is as follows:

- Head;
- A number of deputy heads;
- Technical officers.

The organizational structure of the district, municipality of State inspection is determined in specific regulations.

Article 41 Heads of district, municipality offices

The heads of district, municipality offices of State inspection are appointed and removed by the President of the Government inspection authority on the proposition of the district, municipality governors.

The heads of district, municipality offices of State inspection have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Organize and implement the laws and regulations, plans and projects on State inspection;
2. Direct and inspect the organization and implementation of State inspection at their own levels;
3. Issue the decisions, orders, instructions and notices on State inspection activities to enhance the effectiveness of the organization and implementation of State inspection from the district, municipality down to the villages;
4. Coordinate with the district, municipality people prosecutor offices in order to propose the heads of surrounded district, municipality offices and villages to suspend, repeal or cancel the legal acts of the heads of such organizations which are contradicted the laws and regulations. In case of failure to comply with the proposals, the proposition should be submitted to the district, municipality governors for consideration and report to the heads of provincial, city divisions;

5. Decide to carry out the State inspection according to his/her rights and duties. In the important case, decision on such should be proposed to the district, municipality governors for consideration;
6. Propose the district, municipality governors to consider and resolve the results of inspection within management responsibility. In case of failure of consideration or inappropriate consideration the proposition shall be submitted to the heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection for consideration;
7. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by the district, municipality governors and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 42 Deputy heads of district, municipality offices of State inspection

The deputy heads of district, municipality offices of State inspection are appointed and removed by the provincial, city governors on the proposition of the district, municipality governors.

The deputy heads of district, municipality offices of State inspection have the rights and duties to assist the heads district, municipality offices of State inspection and are responsible for the tasks assigned by the latter. In case of business or incapacity of duties exercise, the deputy heads who have been assigned shall be acting on behalf the office heads.

Section 3 **State Inspection Authorities** **According to Sectors**

A. State Inspection Departments **Of the Ministries, Ministry-equivalent Agencies**

Article 43 Place and roles

The Departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies are the technical organizations on inspection which are under the management and leadership of the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies and have the roles to inspect the sectors and administration on the implementation of policies, laws and regulations, plans, technique of the organizations and officers, civil servants under the management of such organizations.

The Departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies carry out their activities under the technical guidance of the Government Inspection Authority.

Article 44 Rights and duties

The Departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Study and develop the resolution of the general meeting on State inspection throughout the country, policies, plans of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies into their own plans, programs and

- projects to submit the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies for consideration and implementation;
2. Propose the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies to issue the regulations, orders, instructions and notices on State inspection according to sectors and their own lower level sectors;
 3. Inspect the implementation of the policies, laws and regulations, plans, rights and duties, responsibilities of the organizations, officers and civil servants depending to the management of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies;
 4. Inspect the activities relating to the responsibilities of several departments and business units depending to the management of ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies and activities the State inspection sectors of the surrounded provincial, city divisions of State inspection;
 5. Study and consider the proposals of citizens relating to the conducts and decisions of the organizations or administrative officers under the management of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies on any issues which violate the laws and regulations; study and consider the citizens' proposals which have been resolved by the vertical lower level divisions, but the said citizens have seen that the resolution of such is inappropriate;
 6. Regularly summarize and report the State inspection activities and inspection results, consider the proposals of the citizens within the management of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies for the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies and President of the State Inspection Authority;
 7. Collaborate with other departments within the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies in determining the inspection operation plans, resolution and implementation of the results of the inspection accordingly to their roles;
 8. Propose the measures and methods of resolution of the inspection results to the organizations concerned for consideration and report to their own higher level organizations;
 9. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 45 Structure

The personnel structure of a department of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies is as follows:

- Head;
- A number of deputy heads;
- Technical officers.

The organizational structure of the departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies is determined in specific regulations.

Article 46 Heads of the departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies

The heads of the departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies are appointed and removed by the Prime Minister on the proposition of the ministers , heads of ministry-equivalent agencies after collaboration with the President of the Government Inspection Authority.

The heads of the departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Develop the resolution of the general meeting of State inspection throughout the country and the resolution of the meetings of the ministry, ministry-equivalent agencies into their own plans and projects for implementation;
2. Direct the inspection activities within the management of the ministry, ministry-equivalent agencies and inspect the implementation of their own activities;
3. Issue the instructions and notices on the State inspection activities of their own sectors;
4. Carry out the inspection in accordance with their roles, rights and duties. In the important case, proposition of such shall be made to the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies for consideration and decision;
5. Propose the heads of other departments within the ministry, ministry-equivalent agencies or vertical lower level divisions of such organizations to suspend, repeal or cancel their legal acts which are contradicted with the laws and regulations. In case of failure to do so, proposition of such shall be submitted to the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies for consideration;
6. Propose to create or amend the laws, decrees and regulations on State inspection to the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies;
7. Recommend the heads of lower sectors of State inspection to carry out the State inspection within their responsibilities;
8. Propose the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies to consider and resolve the results of the inspection. In case of failure of consideration or inappropriate consideration, a report on such shall submit to the President of the State Inspection Authority for consideration;
9. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 47 Deputy heads of the departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies

The deputy heads of the departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies are appointed and removed by the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies on the proposition of the heads of departments of organizations of ministries , ministry-equivalent agencies after collaboration with the heads of departments of State inspection of such organizations.

The deputy heads of the departments of State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies have the rights and duties to assist the heads of departments of State inspection of ministries, ministry-equivalent

agencies and are responsible for the tasks assigned by the latter. In case of business or incapacity of duties exercise, the deputy heads who have been assigned shall be acting on behalf the department heads.

B. Sectors of State Inspection Of Surrounded Provincial, City Divisions

Article 48 Place and roles

The sectors of State inspection of surrounded provincial, city divisions of State inspection are the technical organizations on State inspection according to sectors which are under the management and leadership of the heads of such sectors and have the roles to assist the division heads in sector inspection and administration on the implementation of policies, laws and regulations, technique of organization and officers, civil servants under the management of such divisions.

The sectors of State inspection of surrounded provincial, city divisions of State inspection carry out their activities under the technical guidance of the provincial, city divisions of State inspection.

Article 49 Rights and duties

The sectors of State inspection of surrounded provincial, city divisions have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Organize and implement the policies, laws and regulations, plans, decisions, orders of the higher level authorities on the State inspection according to sectors and administrations within the scope of their responsibilities;
2. Disseminate and publish the policies, laws and regulations on State inspection in collaboration with other sectors concerned;
3. Inspect the implementation of policies, laws and regulations, plans, rights and duties, responsibilities of the organizations, officers and civil servants within their own divisions and vertical district level offices;
4. Study and consider the proposals of citizens relating to the conducts and decisions of the organizations or administrative officers within their own divisions on any issues which violate the laws and regulations; study and consider the citizens' proposals which have been resolved by the vertical district level offices, but the said citizens have seen that the resolution of such is inappropriate;
5. Relate and coordinate with various sectors within the divisions and vertical district level offices to carry out the inspection, resolution and implementation of the results of inspection in accordance with their roles;
6. Propose the measures and methods of resolution of the inspection results to the heads of their divisions and heads of vertical district level offices for consideration and report to their higher level authorities;

7. Regularly summarize and report the State inspection activities and inspection results within the scope of their responsibilities to the heads of divisions, heads of inspection departments of their own sectors and heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection;
8. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by heads of divisions, heads of departments of sectors concerned, heads of provincial, city divisions of State inspection and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 50 Structure

The personnel structure of a sector of State inspection of the surrounded provincial, city divisions is as follows:

- Head;
- A number of deputy heads;
- Technical officers.

The organizational structure of the sectors of State inspection of the surrounded provincial, city divisions is determined in specific regulations.

Article 51 Heads of sectors of State inspection of surrounded provincial, city divisions

The heads of sectors of State inspection of surrounded provincial, city divisions are appointed and removed by the ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies on the proposition of the heads of departments of organization of such organizations after collaboration with the heads of surrounded provincial, city divisions concerned.

The heads of the sectors of State inspection of the surrounded provincial, city divisions have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Organize and implement the policies, laws and regulations, plans and projects on State inspection within the scope of their responsibilities;
2. Direct, inspect the implementation of State inspection activities within the their sectors;
3. Issue the instructions and notices on the State inspection activities in order to enhance the effectiveness of the organization and implementation of State inspection;
4. Carry out the inspection in accordance with their roles, rights and duties. In the important case, proposition of such shall be made to the heads of divisions for consideration;
5. Propose the heads of division heads to consider and resolve the results of the inspection within their own management. In case of failure of consideration or inappropriate consideration, a report on such shall submit to the heads of departments of the State inspection of the ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies for consideration;
6. Exercise other rights and duties as assigned by the heads of their own divisions, heads of departments of State inspection of ministries, ministry-equivalent agencies, heads of provincial, city divisions and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 52 Deputy heads of sectors of State inspection of surrounded provincial, city divisions

The deputy heads of sectors of State inspection of surrounded provincial, city divisions are appointed and removed by the provincial, city governors on the proposition of the provincial, city organization committees after collaboration with the heads of surrounded provincial, city divisions concerned.

The deputy heads of the sectors of State inspection of the surrounded provincial, city divisions have the rights and duties to assist the heads of heads of sectors of State inspection of surrounded provincial, city divisions and are responsible for the tasks assigned by the latter. In case of business or incapacity of duties exercise, the deputy heads who have been assigned shall be acting on behalf the heads of sectors of State inspection.

Article 54 Inspection according to sectors at district levels

In case of necessity, certain sectors may create the State inspection in the district offices in order to ensure the inspection activities in grass roots levels.

Section 4 Inspection Committees and Inspection Task Force

Article 55 Appointment of inspection committees

To carry out the inspection in each time the heads of State inspection according to administrative levels and sectors appoint the inspection committees at their own levels.

An inspection committee is comprised of a head, a certain number of deputy heads and technical officers.

Article 56 Rights and duties of inspection committees

The inspection committees have the rights and duties to prepare, carry out the inspection, summarize and report the inspection results, propose and monitor the resolution of the inspection results as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 57 Rights and duties of heads of inspection committees

The heads of the inspection committees have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Organize, direct the committee members to duly follow the objective, expectations, contents and duration of the inspection;
2. Propose the issuers of decision on carrying out of inspection to use the necessary measures in order to ensure the duties performance of the inspection committees;
3. Propose the inspected targets to provide the data and information, documents, report in writing, explanation of the issues relating to the contents of inspection. In case of necessity, an inspection and

inventories of properties of the inspected targets may be carried out;

4. Propose the offices, organizations and individuals having in possession of information and documents relating the contents of inspection to provide such information and documents;
5. Decide to confiscate or freeze the documents of the targets when it is proved that there are an criminal offence or violation of laws in order to prevent the falsification or destruction of such documents and evidences;
6. Propose the higher authorities of the inspected targets to suspend temporary the duties when it is deemed that the inspected targets shall cause the severe damages to the interests of the State and legal rights and interests of citizens;
7. Prose the higher authorities of the inspected targets to suspend temporary the implementation of the decisions on the remove of position, retirement and others of the inspected persons or colleagues of the inspection committees when it is deemed that the implementation of such will create the obstruction to the State inspection activities;
8. Report the issuers of decisions of carrying out the inspection on the outcomes of inspection and be responsible for such report;
9. Exercise other rights and duties pursuant to the decisions, laws and regulations.

The heads of the inspection committees shall be responsible before the laws on the decided matters.

Article 57 Rights and duties of the committee members

The committee members have the rights and duties as follows:

1. Carry out the activities assigned by the heads of committees;
2. Summarize and report the carrying out of inspection to heads of committees;
3. Give comments to the summary and report of the inspection results;
4. Be responsible before the laws and heads of committees on the performance of their own duties of carrying out of inspection;
5. Exercise others rights and duties as assigned by the heads of committees and as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 58 Appointment of inspection task force

To carry out the inspection on any matters which are deemed complicated and involved several sectors the Prime Minister , President of Government Inspection Authority, ministers, heads of ministry-equivalent agencies, provincial, city governors or district governors, heads of municipalities appoint the inspection task forces in accordance with their own responsibilities.

The inspection task force consists of a head, a number of deputy heads and technical officers.

The inspection task forces shall be cancelled after the completion of the inspection with its outcomes.

Article 59 Rights and duties of the inspection task forces, heads and members of the task forces

The inspection task forces, heads and members of the task forces have the rights and duties as provided for in Articles 55, 56 and 57 of this Law.

Article 60 Standards of the officers of State inspection

The officers of State inspection shall have the standards as follows:

1. Have the loyalty towards the nation, politic position, revolutionary moral;
2. Be aware and conscious of policies, laws and regulations;
3. Be highly responsible, brave, absolute, vigilant in the performance of duties, have the transparency and fairness, objectively resolve the problems and be the example in following the laws and regulations;
4. Have the knowledge and capacity at a certain level on any matters from the secondary degrees;
5. Have the education or trainings on State inspection;
6. Keep the technical secrets;
7. Never be severe disciplined or punished for debt payments or be sentenced for privation of liberty for corruption conducts;
8. Have a good health.

Part V Obligations and Rights Of Inspected Organizations and Individuals

Article 61 Obligations of inspected organizations and individuals

The inspected organizations and individuals have the obligations as follows:

1. Follow the decisions on inspection, cooperate, on time provide complete and clear information and documents as suggested by the inspection committees and be responsible before the laws on provided information and documents;
2. Follow the propositions and decisions on the resolution of the inspection results of the inspection committees and organizations concerned;
3. Report to the inspection committees on the implementation of the inspection results;
4. Perform other obligations as prescribed by the laws and regulations.

Article 62 Rights of inspected organizations and individuals

The inspected organizations and individuals have the rights as follows:

1. Propose to notify the decisions on inspection to oneself;
2. Propose to change the persons in the inspection committees who had the disputes with oneself;
3. Explain, indicate various matters relating to the contents of inspection;

4. Refuse to provide the information and documents which have no connection with the contents of inspection;
5. Propose the issuers of decisions of inspection on the conducts of inspection committees, State inspection officers and other participants in inspection that are deemed by oneself not in conformity with the laws and regulations;
6. Give comments to the summary report on inspection results;
7. Claim for compensation for losses resulting from unfair inspection or lodge the petition pursuant to the laws and regulations;
8. Exercise other rights as prescribe by the laws and regulations.

Part VI Prohibitions

Article 63 Prohibitions for inspectors

The inspectors are prohibited to act as follows:

1. Abuse of positions, duties, powers to seek the interest for oneself, families or relatives;
2. Exercise their rights and duties of inspection over the scope provided for in the decisions or violate the laws and regulations on inspection;
3. Oblige and threat the inspected targets;
4. Omit the duties, alter the truth, conceal or protect the inspected targets;
5. Disclose the secret on inspection without permission;
6. Enter in contact with the inspected persons for any interests;
7. Have other illegal acts.

Article 64 Prohibitions for inspected targets

The inspected targets are prohibited to act as follows:

1. Refuse to provide the information and documents relating to the inspection;
2. Report, provide untrue information and documents, conceal and destroy the documents and materials which are the evidences relating to the inspection;
3. Impede, create the difficulties, threat the inspection committees, State inspection officers, providers of data and information to the inspection and other persons concerned;
4. Give money and bribes to the inspection committees, State inspection officers, providers of data and information to the inspection and other persons concerned;
5. Have other illegal acts.

Article 65 Prohibitions for organizations and individuals

The organizations and individuals are prohibited to act as follows:

1. Incite to carry out the inspection or against the inspection;
2. Interfere and obstruct the inspection;
3. Conceal, hide or destroy the data and information, evidences relating to the inspection;

4. Use the violence, threat or injure the inspectors, providers of data and information or other persons concerned;
5. Protect, conceal the inspected persons;
6. Have other illegal acts.

Part VII Monitoring

Article 66 Types of monitoring
The monitoring consists of two types as follows:
- Internal monitoring;
- External monitoring.

Article 67 Internal monitoring
Internal monitoring is a monitoring by vertical lines in the State inspection system which shall be carried out at least two times a year.
The objective of the internal monitoring is to supervise the carrying out of activities of the State organizations at each level for the strengths, transparency and fairness.

Article 68 External monitoring
External monitoring is undertaken by the National Assembly as stipulated in the Law on National Assembly supervision.
In addition, all citizens, organizations and individuals in grass roots, offices, agencies, technical units and State enterprises have also the rights to monitor the activities carrying out of the State inspection authorities and also those of the organizations and individuals in the State administrative authorities to be the basis for the State inspection. When identifying the violation of laws they have the rights to suggest the organizations concerned and their representative agencies to carry out the inspection of such targets.
The external monitoring has the objective to inspect the exercise of duties of the State inspection authorities and administrations for the strengths, transparency and fairness.

Part VIII Budget, Uniforms, Signs and Seals

Article 69 Budget
The budget of the State inspection authorities at any level depends to the budget of the administrative authorities of such level.

Article 70 Uniforms, signs and inspection cards
The uniforms, signs and inspection cards are determined in specific regulations.

Article 71 Seals

To carrying out their activities the State inspection authorities according to administrative levels and sectors have their own seals which are determined in specific regulations.

Part IX
Policies towards Persons with Outstanding
Activities Achievements and Measures against Violators

Article 72 Policies

Organizations or individuals having outstanding achievements in implementing this Law, such as cooperation, data and information providing, shall be protected, awarded and received other policies appropriately.

Article 73 Measures

Organizations or individuals having violated this Law and causing damages to the interests of the State, society, legal rights and interests of citizens shall be educated, disciplined or suited accordingly to the minor or severe cases with the compensation for damages caused by oneself.

Article 74 Educational measures

Any individual having a conduct causing minor damages, faithfully reported on such, pleaded guilty and returned all properties illegally possessed to the organizations shall be educated and warned.

Article 75 Disciplined measures

Any individual committing minor offences, but unfaithfully reported on such or ran away from offences shall be subject to the disciplined measures according to the case by case as follows:

- Warnings with the record of such in the file of curriculum of such individual concerned;
- Suspension of upgrade, salary levels and awards;
- Remove from position or remove to other lower position;
- Demission from official office without any policies.

Article 76 Civil measures

Any individual violating the laws and causing damages to the properties of the organizations or of other persons shall be subject to compensation for damages caused by such individual.

Article 77 Penal measures

Any individual violating the laws and causing a criminal offence, such as abuse of powers, falsification of documents and other conducts which are corruption shall be criminally punished.

Part X
Final Provisions

Article 78 Implementation
 The Government of the Lao PDR is in charge of implementing this Law.

Article 79 Effectiveness
 This Law is effective sixty days from the date after the President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic has issued the Decree of its promulgation.
 Any provisions contradicted with this Law shall be cancelled.

President of the National Assembly

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