

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

Amendments To Penal Law, Promulgated On December 9, 2005

Article 64 (New) Money Laundering

Any person conducting activities in order to convert money or items derived from corruption, drug trafficking, human trafficking, trade in weapons of war or other offences into legal money by depositing them in banks, buying land, buying houses, lending to other persons or other means shall be considered as having engaged in money laundering, and shall be punished by one year to three years of imprisonment and shall be fined one third of the laundered amount.

Any preparation or attempt to commit such an offence shall also be punished.

Accomplices in money laundering shall be punished by six months to two years of imprisonment and shall be fined 1 percent of the laundered amount.

Article 80 (New) Offence Relating to Chemical Weapons

Chemical weapons consist of toxic or poisonous substances used for human destruction.

Any person who engages in the production, sale, purchase, handing over, exchange, possession or transport of chemical substances for the production of chemical weapons shall be punished as follows:

- [any of the above acts involving chemical substances] under five thousand grams shall be punished by five years to six years of imprisonment and shall be fined from 5,000,000 Kip to 6,000,000 Kip;
- [any of the above acts involving chemical substances] exceeding five thousand grams and up to ten thousands grams shall be punished by six years to eight years of imprisonment and shall be fined from more than 6,000,000 Kip to 8,000,000 Kip;
- [any of the above acts involving chemical substances] exceeding ten thousand grams shall be punished by eight years to ten years of imprisonment and shall be fined from more than 8,000,000 Kip to 10,000,000 Kip.

Any person who engages in the production, sale, purchase, handing over, exchange, possession or transport of [chemical weapons], or in inciting or promoting the use of chemical weapons, shall be punished as follows:

- [any of the above acts involving chemical substances] under five thousand grams shall be punished by seven years to eight years of imprisonment and shall be fined from 100,000,000 Kip to 200,000,000 Kip;
- [any of the above acts involving chemical substances] exceeding five thousand to ten thousands grams shall be punished by eight years to ten years imprisonment and shall be fined from more than 200,000,000 Kip to 300,000,000 Kip;
- [any of the above acts involving chemical substances] exceeding ten thousand grams shall be punished by ten years to twelve years imprisonment and shall be fined from more than 300,000,000 Kip to 500,000,000 Kip.

Any person who engages in the use of chemical weapons shall be punished as follows:

- If [such use] results in minor damage [such person] shall be punished by five years to twenty years imprisonment and shall be fined 700,000,000 Kip to 1,500,000,000 Kip;
- If [such use] results in medium damage, [such person] shall be punished by life imprisonment and shall be fined 2,000,000,000 Kip to 5,000,000,000 Kip;
- If [such use] results in large damage, [such person] shall be punished by death penalty.

Any attempt to commit such an offence shall also be punished.

Article 98 (New) Violation of Safety Regulations Relating to Air [transport], Airports and Harbours

Any person using weapons or force to hijack, take control of or seize any air plane, ship or car, or to destroy any airport or harbour shall be punished by ten years to twenty years imprisonment and shall be fined from 100,000,000 Kip to 500,000,000 Kip;

Where such an offence causes large damage to life, health or property, [the offender] shall be punished by life imprisonment and shall be fined from 1,000,000,000 Kip to 10,000,000,000 Kip or may be punished by the death penalty.

Any attempt to commit such an offence shall also be punished.

Article 101 (New) Taking of Hostages

Any person forcing, arresting or detaining another person as a hostage and threatening to kill, physically harassing or continuing to detain such person in order to force others, such as persons or organisations, to act or not to act as a condition to the release of the person held hostage, shall be punished from ten to twenty years of imprisonment and shall be fined from 10,000,000 Kip to 50,000,000 Kip.

When many persons are taken as hostage, tortured or physically harassed, suffer harm or are caused to die, [the offender] shall be punished by life imprisonment and shall be fined from 150,000,000 Kip to 500,000,000 Kip or death penalty.

Any attempt to commit such an offence shall also be punished.

Article 175 (New) An Act that is Dangerous to the Security of Boats, Airplanes, Ships, Cars, Airports, Harbours or Stations

Any person who has acted in violation of regulations and caused danger to the security of boats, airplanes, ships, cars, airports, harbours, or stations causing damage from 5,000,000 Kip to 20,000,000 Kip shall be punished by imprisonment from five years to ten years and shall be fined 5,000,000 Kip to 15,000,000 Kip.

In the event that the offence causes severe damage, [the offender] shall be punished by imprisonment from more than ten years to twenty years and shall be fined 15,000,000 Kip to 50,000,000 Kip or shall be subject to life imprisonment and fined from more than 50,000,000 Kip to 150,000,000 Kip or shall be punished by the death penalty.