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Livestock and Fisheries Products Safety Management in Lao PDR

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1. Country profile



- Lao PDR is a landlocked country in Southeast Asia, bordered by China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Myanmar.
- Area: 236,800 Km²
- Population ≈ 7.7 Million (2024),
- >80% of population are engaged in agriculture for subsistence
- In 2023, the agricultural sector contributed 16.14% to the country's GDP.
- Livestock and Fisheries sectors contributed 27.8% to agricultural GDP (L=20.8% + F=7%).
- L & F are sources of proteins & cash income for farmers.

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2. Competent authority for food safety

1) Ministry of Health

Represented by the Food and Drug Department---responsible for safety of animals and aquatic animals products at the factory/markets/table that are ready to eat.

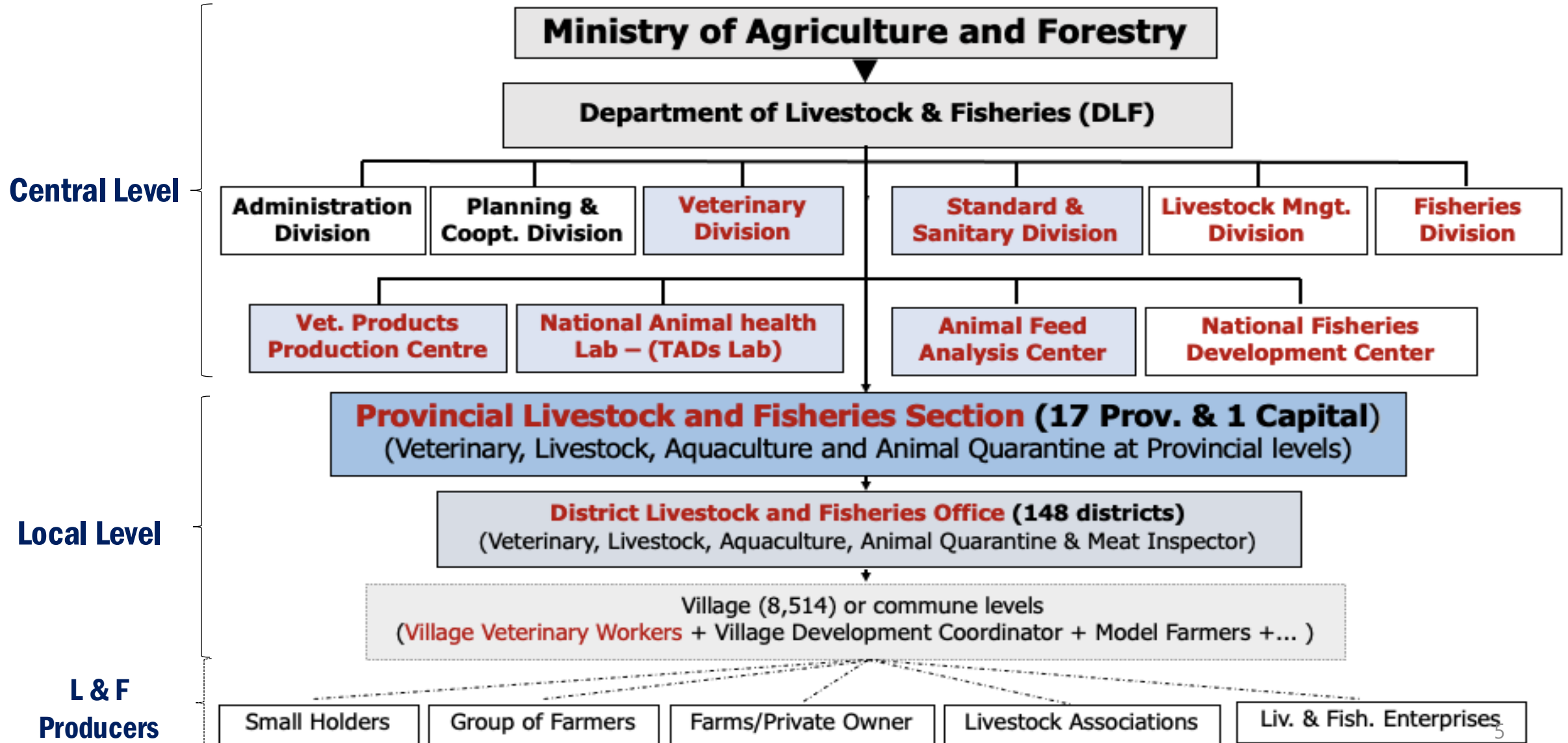
2) Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Represented by the Department of Livestock and Fisheries and the DOA.

❖ **DLF**: Responsible for animals & aquatic animals production and its movement control, slaughtering, processing as primary products, animal feeds, veterinary medicines and its control, etc.,

❖ **DoA**: Crop or agriculture products use as materials for animal feeds....pesticide control.

3. Organization structure of DLF



Roles and Responsibilities of DLF

DLF is one of the six technical organization under MAF plays the role to develop & management of 3 main activities: livestock production, veterinary services and fisheries management.

- ☞ To transform guidance, policies, strategies & plans of MAF into projects or action plans to support development of Livestock, Vet. & Fisheries.
- ☞ Prepare drafts of laws, decrees, agreements, rules and regulations related to Livestock, Vet. & Fisheries and submit to the MAF;
- ☞ Animals and aquatic animal diseases surveillance, monitoring, prevention and control;
- ☞ Inspection and certification farm standards, slaughterhouse, and animals and aquatic animal primary products processing plants;
- ☞ Collecting & compiling information regarding Livestock, Vet. & Fisheries.;
- ☞ Inspection, control & quarantine of livestock and its products, fisheries in the country, including import, through & export to other countries;
- ☞ Co-ordinate with relevant agencies in surveying socio-economic situations, natural resources and their potential uses for zoning development all over country;
- ☞ Undertake the comment, formulate on agriculture, livestock & fisheries areas for internal and external investment in the Lao PDR, ect....

4. Livestock and Fisheries Product Safety Management

4.1 Legislations

- ☞ Law on Livestock Production and Veterinary Matters, 2008 and its revision 2016, No. 08/NA, dated 11 November 2016;
- ☞ Fisheries Law, 2009 and its revision 2023, No. 41/NA, dated 17 July 2023;
- ☞ Decree on Live Animal and Animal Products movement control, 2012 and its revision 2024, No. 644/GoL, dated 25 Nov. 2024
- ☞ Decree on Animal Disease Prevention and Control, No.228/GoL, dated 31 May 2012,
- ☞ Decree on Animal Feed, No. 02/GoL, dated 02 January 2020;
- ☞ Decree on Veterinary Drugs No.: 199/GoL, dated 13 March 2020;
- ☞ Ministerial Decision on Livestock Slaughtering and Meat Inspection, 2011;
- ☞ Ministerial Decision on Animal Identification, No.: 1974/MAF, dated 23 August 2012 (Lao Language);
- ☞ Ministerial Decision on Establishment and Operation of the International Veterinary Checkpoints in Lao PDR, No.: 2903/MAF, date 19 November 2012 (Lao Language);
- ☞ Ministerial Decision on Animal Farm Management in Lao PDR, No.: 0209/MAF, dated 6 February 2013 (Lao Language);
- ☞ Ministerial Decision on Requirements for Import, Transit, and Export

2 Laws

7 Decrees

Policy on the promotion of Livestock and Fisheries Production, 6 Jul 2022
Strategy for the Development of Primary Animal Product Safety in the Lao PDR 2023-2032

15 ministerial decision

- 38 Standards
- 4 Guidelines

4.2 Updated Policy and Legislation on Food safety(in last three years)

	Updated legal document	Improved policies and systems
2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Decree on the movement, import, export and transit of animals, aquatic animals and their, No. 644/GoL, dated 25 Nov. 2024 (Revision from the decree on animals and animal products control, No.230/GoL, 2012);Ministerial Decision on the Management of Veterinary Medicine Manufacturing Plants, No. 4848/MAF, dated 2 October 2024.Three standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of the aquatic animals and aquatic animal products movement, import, export and transit control;New decision for better control of veterinary medicine productionNew standards for honey, honey processing plant, GMP for primary products production plant...
2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Strategy for the Development of Primary Animal Product Safety in the Lao PDR 2023-2032;Ministerial Decision on the Primary Animal Product Processing Plants, No. 4285/MAF, dated 16 September 2023;Surveillance Plan for Veterinary Drugs Residuals in Aquatic Animal Products, No. 4811/DLF, 11 December 2023;Eight-teen standards.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">New strategy used for the development of primary animal product safety in the Lao PDR from 2023-2032;Introduction of the aquatic animals and aquatic animal products movement, import, export and transit control;For better understand and control of veterinary drugs in aquaculture;New standards used for pork, beef, chicken meat, fish, meat shop
2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none">National Policy on the promotion of Livestock and Fisheries Production, dated 6 July 2022;Decree on the slaughter of infected animals, disposal animal carcasses and compensation, No. 174/GoL, dated 31 May 2022;	<ol style="list-style-type: none">New policy that use to promote the production of Live stock and Fisheries compile with ASEAN's standards;New decree used for control of animal diseases by stamping out and compensation;New regulation used for animal feeds registration, broil

4.3 Inspection and certification of domestic production

- ➡ Agricultural business license;
- ➡ Establishment construction approval;
- ➡ Establishment auditing and testing;
- ➡ Official Supervision;
- ➡ Establishment registration;
- ➡ Establishment production license;
- ➡ Inspection (annual checking documents, sampling and testing...);
- ➡ Products movement license;



Year	2022	2023	2024
L & F Farm	2.252	2.261	2.242
<i>Buffalo</i>	34	39	41
<i>Cattle</i>	658	713	709
<i>Pig</i>	703	737	737
<i>Goat</i>	99	110	89
<i>Chicken</i>	634	547	573
<i>Duck</i>	115	108	86
<i>Bird</i>	9	7	7
<i>Fish farm</i>	568		
<i>Cage culture</i>	146		146

Slaughterhouses: 3 large, 3 medium, 4 small & 356



1. Wah Yuen Foods (Laos) Co Ltd (cooked beef processing, export);
2. Vientiane Cold Storage Food Co., Ltd. (frozen food, local sales);
3. CP Laos Co., Ltd. (frozen food, local sales);
4. Betago (Laos) Co., Ltd. (frozen food, local sales);



- ➡ Farm standards or

4.4 Import control

Legislations:

- WTO-SPS Agreement;
- 2 laws, one decree & 2 ministerial decisions
- Protocol on animals or aquatic animals health requirements & quarantine; or
- Protocol for animal or aquatic animal products sanitary

Procedures:

1. Must be registered as importer with ministry of commerce & Industry
2. Apply for import license with MAF-DLF at least 15 days before importing;
3. Submit all documents to Veterinary Check-point at least 1 day before importing;
4. Import check;



Veterinary Check Points

- 23 International Vet Border Check Points:
 - 8 Laos-Vietnam
 - 10 Laos-Thailand
 - 2 Laos-China
 - 1 Laos-Myanmar
 - 1 Laos-Myanmar-Thai
 - 1 Laos-Cambodia
- 4 International air port
- 51 Local vet border check points:
 - 20 Laos-Vietnam
 - 27 Laos-Thailand
 - 4 Laos-China
 - 1 Laos-Myanmar

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5. Challenges

1. Many agencies involved in food safety, sometime is not clear or overlapping duties in issuing import license and or import check;
2. Lack of human resources in both quantity and quality for safety of food of animal and aquatic animal origins, in particular for:
 - Development of effective legislations;
 - Establishment (farm, slaughterhouse and processing plant) supervision, inspection and certification;
 - Heavy metal, chemical and microbiological laboratory testing;
3. No specific team to work on the safety of food of animal



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