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Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Intellectual Property

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Total Provisional Refusal of Protection
(Rule 17(1) of the Common Regulations)

- I. Office making the notification:
Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology
Lao People's Democratic Republic
- II. Number of the international registration: **1513287**
- III. Name of the holder:
Hanyuan County Sichuan Pepper Association
No. 122 Culture Street, Fulin Town, Hanyuan County Sichuan Province, China
- IV. Information concerning the type of provisional refusal:
- ☒ Total provisional refusal based on an *ex officio* examination
☐ Total provisional refusal based on an opposition
☐ Total provisional refusal based on both an *ex officio* examination and an opposition
- (i) Name of the opponent:
- (ii) Address of the opponent:
- V. Information concerning the scope of the provisional refusal:
- Total provisional refusal affects all the goods and/or services.**

VI. Grounds for refusal:

The applicant should disclaim the exclusive right to use the first two Chinese characters which are the name of county located in Sichuan province of China, “HAN YUAN”, and the last two Chinese characters which mean “**Pepper**” apart from the mark sought to be registered because it is an abbreviation or full names of foreign countries, as stipulated in Article 23 (5) and it indicates the kind of goods or service, as stipulated in Article 23 (2), respectively, of the Law on Intellectual Property, No. 38/NA, dated 15/11/2017 and Article 19 of the Decision of Minister of Ministry of Science and Technology on Trademark and Trade name, No. 2822/MOST, dated 17/12/2019. This is pursuant to the objection concerning the registrability of the mark.

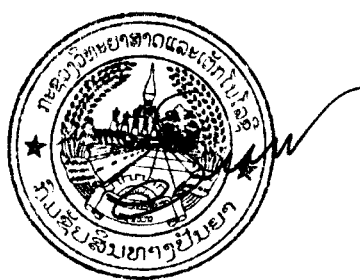
VII. Information relating to subsequent procedure:

The applicant must respond to this provisional refusal within 60 days from the date of issuance of this notification to Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology. If the applicant fails to comply with the time limit, the application will be deemed to be abandoned.

The response must be filed through an authorized representative in the Lao PDR.

Such response may be submitted in either the Lao language or in the English language. Provided however, that for the review or appeal submitted in English, the applicant must, within 90 days of such the submission, supply a translation into the Lao language. Such translation must be certified to be a correct translation. ກຳລັງ

VIII. Signature or official seal of the Office making the notification:



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DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL