



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
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Ms. Monika Stankiewicz
The Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
United Nations Environment Programme
Geneva, Switzerland

31 August 2022

Subject: Designation of a National Focal Point and an Alternate of the Lao PDR to the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

Dear Excellency,

With reference to Article 17, paragraph 4 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, I am pleased to submit our National Focal Point and the Alternate of this National Focal Point for the exchange of information under the said Convention, as follows:

Mr. Virasack CHUNDARA, Director General, Natural Resources and Environment Inspection Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR, as the National Focal Point.

Mr. Aloune SAYAVONG, Deputy Director General, Natural Resources and Environment Inspection Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR, as the Alternate of the National Focal Point.

The completed designation forms are enclosed herewith for reference.

Yours faithfully,

Latsamy KEOMANY
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative.



MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

FORM AND MODEL LETTER FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY (ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPH 4)

The Minamata Convention on Mercury requires, under its article 17, paragraph 4, that each Party designates a National Focal Point for the exchange of information under the Convention, including with regard to the consent of importing Parties under Article 3.

Non-Parties may also designate such National Focal Points, in particular to facilitate the implementation of the Convention's obligations on trade with non-Parties pursuant to Article 3.

States or regional economic integration organizations are invited to use the form below to designate their National Focal Point (*see Annex I*). This form should be completed and returned under cover of the official nomination letter from an entity duly authorized to communicate such information to the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, i.e. the Government official contact point to the UN Environment Programme, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva or to the UN Environment Programme (*see model letter of nomination in Annex II*) to the attention of:

The Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
United Nations Environment Programme
Postal address: Avenue de la Paix 8-14, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org

The information submitted to the Secretariat regarding the designated National Focal Point will be made available on the website of the Convention at www.mercuryconvention.org.

Kindly note that self-nominations will not be considered.

For further information on the designation process, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat, by e-mail at mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org.



ANNEX I - FORM FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

STATE/ORGANIZATION:		Lao People's Democratic Republic			
Please tick as appropriate:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First-time nomination					
<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement of current National Focal Point (s) (<i>indicate name(s)</i>):					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional nomination to current National Focal Point (s) (<i>indicate name(s)</i>):					
NATIONAL FOCAL POINT:					
MR. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MS. <input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST NAME:	Virasack	LAST NAME:	CHUNDARA
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:		Director General			
SECTION/DEPARTMENT:		Department of Natural Resources and Environment Inspection			
ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION:		Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment			
ADDRESS:		Nongbeuk Village, Sikhottabong District, Vientiane Capital			
POST CODE:	01010	CITY:	Sikhottabong	COUNTRY:	Lao PDR
TELEPHONE (<i>include country and city code</i>):		Fax (<i>include country and city code</i>):		E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
+856-20-22030897			sack_4369@yahoo.com	
NOTE:		National Focal Point of the Lao PDR to Minamata Convention			

STATE/ORGANIZATION:		Lao People's Democratic Republic			
Please tick as appropriate:					
<input type="checkbox"/> First-time nomination					
<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement of current National Focal Point (s) (<i>indicate name(s)</i>):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional nomination to current National Focal Point (s) (<i>indicate name(s)</i>): Mr. Virasak CHUNDARA					
ALTERNATE TO NATIONAL FOCAL POINT:					
MR. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MS. <input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST NAME:	Aloune	LAST NAME:	SAYAVONG
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:		Deputy Director General			
SECTION/DEPARTMENT:		Department of Natural Resources and Environment Inspection			
ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION:		Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment			
ADDRESS:		Nongbeuk Village, Sikhottabong District, Vientiane Capital			
POST CODE:	01010	CITY:	Sikhottabong	COUNTRY:	Lao PDR
TELEPHONE (<i>include country and city code</i>):		Fax (<i>include country and city code</i>):		E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
+856-20-5576 2569			alounesv@gmail.com	
NOTE:		Alternate to the National Focal Point of the Lao PDR to Minamata Convention			



THIS NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY:					
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