

LAOS

1. Passengers. See the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>. From the left column select Pacific, South Asia, and Indian Ocean and then Laos.
2. Cargo.
 - a. Government. Notify the US Embassy, Vientiane, of the arrival at least 15 working days before shipping the cargo to enable the embassy to get customs clearance. Provide clear and detailed information about the shipment to the GSO to include itemized cargo detail in the form of the standardized military commercial invoice (value in US dollars) and commercial packing list, both with booking number(s), carrier, and vessel name. The US Embassy completes and submits Form D-50 (for temporary importation) or D-40 (for permanent importation) along with a diplomatic note to the MOFA to allow original import of the goods. Consign shipments to:
 - US Embassy
 - Vientiane, Laos
 - (name of final recipient)
 - Via: Bangkok in Transit
 - b. Commercial air shipments sent door-to-door will be identified as such on the AWB and forwarded to the GSO/Customs/Shipping office. Military cargo shipped on commercial vessels with a CBL will be consigned to the US Embassy, Vientiane, with attention to the GSO officer.
 - c. Personal Property. For HHG, provide the number of vans, the gross weight, and a packing list to the GSO at the US Embassy. For UB, provide the number of boxes, the gross weight, and a packing list. For POVs, provide the following information:
 - (1) Year, make, model
 - (2) Type (e.g., pickup truck, sedan)
 - (3) Engine number
 - (4) Chassis or VIN number
 - (5) Color
 - (6) Weight
 - (7) Driving system (left- or right-hand drive)
 - (8) Cylinder
 - (9) Condition
 - (10) Value.The GSO can recommend a moving company to move goods from the terminal to the final destination.
 - d. Firearms/Weapons. Officially, importation of firearms/weapons requires a permit from the Lao Police Authorities. Sources at the US Embassy state the permit policy has not been tested, but they are doubtful import of firearms would be allowed.
 - e. Pets. Pets require a health certificate and a Rabies Vaccination Certificate.

- f. Security and law enforcement. Importation of firearms and narcotics is restricted and possibly prohibited.
3. Modes of Shipment.
- a. Military Air. Wattay International Airport serves as both the military and commercial terminal for customs clearance.
 - b. Commercial Air. Cargo on commercial carriers, whether military or non-military cargo, must have a CBL as described above (Cargo).
 - c. Ocean Vessel Shipments. Thanaleng port in Thailand serves as both the military and commercial terminal for customs clearance. Shipments bound for Laos will go to Bangkok first, then through Thanaleng Port Vientiane, Laos.
4. Personal Property. See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select Query CG tab, select County Instructions tab, at the Country drop down box under Custom Selection, select Laos, submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper right hand side to review shipping requirements.