



Announcement of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand
Re: Controlling or Launching a Pilotless Aircraft, Type: Drone
during the Royal Cremation Ceremony of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej

Since the Royal Cremation Ceremony of His Majesty the Late King Phra Bat Somdetch Phra Paramindra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej is scheduled for 25-29 October 2017 at the Grand Palace, Sanam Luang Royal Ceremonial Ground and the vicinity, pursuant to Article 5 (2) of the Announcement of the Ministry of Transport, Re: Criteria for Permission Request and Conditions for Controlling and Launching a Pilotless Aircraft, Type: Drone B.E. 2558 (2015), no person shall control or launch a drone into a prohibited area, restricted area, and danger area as published in the Aeronautical Information Publication -Thailand: AIP Thailand; and drones shall not be flown over the congested areas of cities, villages, towns or settlements or over an open-air assembly of persons.

For the purpose of safety and preservation of peace and public order in the Royal Cremation areas; and in order to show immense respect for and honor of His Majesty the Late King Phra Bat Somdetch Phra Paramindra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej, the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand declares that the premises of the Grand Palace, Sanam Luang Royal Ceremonial Ground, and the vicinity within a radius of 19 kilometers shall be deemed “restricted areas” as published in AIP Thailand. Therefore, no person shall control or launch a drone into such areas, except such drones as utilized in aerial photography by the Committee on Ceremonies for the Royal Cremation of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Any person who is in violation of the aforesaid provisions shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding forty thousand baht or both, according to Section 78 (1) of the Air Navigation Act B.E. 2497 (1954). Also, the military officer shall have the power to destroy an aircraft from the ground, in accordance with Section 10 (3) of the Act on Treatment against Aircraft Committing Wrongful Acts B.E. 2553 (2010).

This Announcement shall come into force from now on.

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