



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 Borommanatthabophit (No. 2)

Since the Royal Cremation Ceremony of His Majesty the Late King Phra Bat Somdetch Phra Paramindra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Borommanatthabophit is scheduled for 25-29 October 2017 and His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun has rendered a decision that the Government construct replicas of the Royal Crematorium and pavillions at which people can offer sandalwood flowers during the Royal Cremation Ceremony for His Majesty King Bhumibol. Being concerned that a number of people may not be able to travel to Bangkok, His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun desires that all the Thai people have opportunities to take part in paying a final respects and tribute to their Beloved King, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej Borommanatthabophit. A total of 85 replicas of the Royal Crematorium have been constructed nationwide, including 9 replicas in Bangkok and nearby provinces; and each of the 76 provinces. Also, a total of 878 sites across the country have been prepared by the provinces as pavilions for laying sandalwood flowers. 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), drones shall not be flown over the congested areas of cities, villages, towns or areas or over an open-air assembly of persons.

For the purpose of safety and preservation of peace and public order in the areas locating the replicas of the Royal Crematorium and the sandalwood flower pavilions; and in order to show immense respect for and honor of His Majesty the Late King Phra Bat Somdetch Phra Paramindra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Borommanatthabophit, the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand declares that the premises of the replicas of the Royal Crematorium and the sandalwood flower pavilions in Bangkok's nearby provinces, and the 76 provinces nationwide, including the vicinity within a radius of 9 kilometers shall be deemed as the congested areas of cities, villages, towns or settlements or over an open-air assembly of persons. 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 Borommanatthabophit; or as permitted by the Governor of the Province in which the replicas of the Royal Crematorium and the sandalwood flower pavilions are located.

Any person...

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.

Announced on the 20th October B.E. 2560 (2017)

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