

(Unofficial Translation)

Regulation

Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree
on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)
(No 13)

Pursuant to the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand as from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020) and the subsequent 4th extension of the duration of the enforcement of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 31 August B.E. 2563 (2020);

Whereas the situation concerning the control and prevention of the spread of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in Thailand is constantly improving but the situation of the outbreak in other countries remains severe and the number of newly infected persons is increasing at a high rate due to the relaxation of measures as well as the opening of borders for the entry of travellers from other countries, as numerous Thai nationals and foreigners with the necessity to enter into the Kingdom have notified the government of their intention; the Government therefore considers it necessary to maintain the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in order for the people to be able to carry out activities relating to the economy while being mindful and complying with disease prevention measures, as well as for the performance of tasks of competent officials which requires the combined efforts of all agencies in addition to communicable disease control officers under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), whereby such combined efforts resulted in competent officials still detecting large numbers of persons, both those with permission to enter into the country and illegal migrants, with symptoms and who may be carriers of the disease into the country; the granting of powers to competent officials, to ensure that persons entering into the Kingdom comply with the measures issued in accordance with Regulations under the Declaration of an Emergency Situation, whether in the process prior to travelling, undergoing quarantine according to the period of time and place determined by the government, or the supervision of activities during their stay in the country, is therefore important and necessary for the protection of the security and safety of the country's public health apart from the ordinary measures prescribed by the laws on communicable diseases;

By virtue of Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) and Section 11 of the State Administration Act B.E. 2534 (1991), the Prime Minister hereby issues a Regulation and guidelines for government agencies, as follows:

1. The Organisation of Group Activities: The organisation of group activities or the exercise of rights to assembly of the people may be carried out within the scope of the exercise of rights and liberties under the constitution and laws, in accordance with the criteria prescribed by the laws on public assembly. The responsible persons for the organisation of such activities shall ensure that the participants comply with disease prevention measures prescribed by the government.

2. Additional Opening for Operation of Places and Activities: Places, businesses and activities where restrictions have previously been relaxed or that have been permitted to open for operation, may continue to operate under the same conditions and timeframes, including disease prevention measures and the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems as previously prescribed by the government. The following places, businesses and activities may open for operation on the basis of their choosing and readiness:

(1) The shooting of television programmes, movies and videos, where restrictions have previously been relaxed, may be conducted for the benefit of moving forward economic activities as well as encouraging and promoting investment in the film industry;

(2) Places with inflatable play equipment, inflatable houses, ball houses or other similar play equipment which are permanently installed and have been inspected and approved in accordance with the laws on building control;

(3) The Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors shall have the powers to permit bullfighting arenas, cockfighting pits, fish fighting arenas or other competition venues in a similar manner located in areas under their responsibility, to open for operation and provide service as appropriate on the basis of their readiness.

The responsible persons for such activities and places shall ensure compliance with disease prevention measures, conditions for the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems, recommendations of the government as well as relevant laws, rules or regulations, the carrying out of which competent officials have the power to inspect. If an act is found to be risk-prone to the spread of the disease, competent officials may give recommendations, warnings and prohibitions, and shall have the power to determine the period of time for improvements and rectifications, as well as to make a submission to persons having powers to order the temporary closure of the place and may also prosecute the violators.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Consideration of the Relaxation of the Enforcement of Measures to Prevent and Suppress the Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) shall inspect, review and submit to the Prime Minister for consideration of additional permission to relax or intensify measures to be implemented for places, businesses or activities which have previously been opened for operation as appropriate.

3. Additional Determination of Travellers Entering into the Kingdom: For the benefit of managing the screening of travellers entering into the Kingdom, as well as the control and prevention of the spread of the disease, the categories of travellers entering into the Kingdom under the Regulation (No. 12) issued on 30 June B.E. 2563 (2020) shall be amended as follows:

(1) the provisions of (7) of Clause 1 Entry into the Kingdom under Regulation (No 12) issued on 30 June B.E. 2563 (2020) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

“(7) Aliens who have a certificate of residence, including their spouses and children.”

(2) the provisions of (8) of Clause 1 Entry into the Kingdom under Regulation (No 12) issued on 30 June B.E. 2563 (2020) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

“(8) non-Thai nationals who have a work permit or have been granted permission to work in the Kingdom in accordance with Thai laws, including their spouses and children, or foreign workers who have been granted exemption from the government to temporarily stay in the Kingdom and permitted to work through their employers or licensees who are permitted to bring in foreign workers to work in the Kingdom;”

(3) the provisions of (11) of Clause 1 Entry into the Kingdom under Regulation (No 12) issued on 30 June B.E. 2563 (2020) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

“(11) non Thai-nationals who have been granted permission to enter into the Kingdom under special arrangements between Thai government agencies and other countries, or persons or groups of persons who have been granted permission by the Prime Minister upon the submission for consideration after the examination and review by the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Consideration of the Relaxation of the Enforcement of Measures to Prevent and Suppress the Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), and shall comply with disease prevention measures determined by the *Ad Hoc* Committee;”

Travellers entering into the Kingdom shall be under the control and supervision of competent officials or communicable disease control officers and shall also comply with conditions, timeframes, criteria and the disease prevention measures for travellers entering into the Kingdom specified in Clause 2 of Regulation (No. 12) issued on 30 June B.E. 2563 (2020).

4. For the benefit of promoting and driving forward the economy, while maintaining the security and safety of the country’s public health, the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Consideration of the Relaxation of the Enforcement of Measures to Prevent and Suppress the Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) shall, together with relevant agencies, inspect, review and make preparations to support the travel of persons or groups of persons entering into the Kingdom which may be further considered and permitted by the Prime Minister or the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration.

The persons or groups of persons who have been granted permission to enter into the Kingdom under paragraph one shall strictly comply with the disease prevention measures and the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems prescribed by the government.

5. Implementation of Disease Prevention Measures: Owners or responsible persons of places, activities and businesses shall implement disease prevention measures prescribed by the government. Customers or persons entering into such places or participating in such activities shall wear surgical or alternative masks, maintain social distancing and comply with disease prevention measures prescribed by the government, as well as checking in via the “Thaichana” application if used, and shall undergo quarantine for the duration and at the place determined by the government for persons fitting the criteria to be quarantined.

6. Coordination: In cases where difficulties arise concerning the compliance with this Regulation by both the people and competent officials, the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Consideration of the Relaxation of the Enforcement of Measures to Prevent and Suppress the Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), with the Secretary-General of the National Security Council in the capacity of the Head of the Central Coordination Office, as the Chairman, shall be consulted or coordinated with.

This Regulation shall come into effect from 1 August B.E. 2563 (2020).

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(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister