



ANNOUNCEMENT

On 2 March 2020, the Ministry of Public Health of the Kingdom of Thailand issued a notification regarding countries/territories outside the Kingdom of Thailand defined as Disease Infected Zones of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, which defined (1) Republic of Korea, (2) the People's Republic of China, including Macao and Hong Kong, (3) Italy, and (4) Iran as Disease Infected Zones of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. The Ministry also upgraded COVID-19 control measures for travelers.

Therefore, the Royal Thai Government has implemented visa and travel related measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 as follows:

- Temporary suspension of:

- 1) Visa on Arrival (VoA) for ordinary passport holders of Bulgaria, Bhutan, People's Republic of China, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Malta, Mexico, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Taiwan;

- 2) 30 day-visa exemption scheme for ordinary passport holders of Republic of Korea, Hong Kong (SAR), and Italy.

With these suspensions in effect from 13 March – 30 September 2020, ordinary passport holders of the above-mentioned countries/ territories are now required to apply for appropriate visa to enter Thailand through the Royal Thai Embassies and Consulates – General where they have their permanent residencies.

- Ordinary passport holders of Russia, Hong Kong, Macao, and Republic of Korea are still permitted to travel to Thailand without the necessity of obtaining an entry visa in advance, provided that their stay does not exceed 30 days (Russia, Hong Kong, and Macao) and 90 days (Republic of Korea), due to existing bilateral agreements between Thailand and the above-mentioned countries and territories.

- Until further notice, **all visa applicants who wish to obtain visa at the Royal Thai Consulate-General, Savannakhet, are required to present, in addition to other required documents, medical certificate** confirming that they are fit to travel and the certificate must be in English or Thai.

Royal Thai Consulate-General,
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