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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Representatives and International Organisations (DCIOs) in Thailand and has the honour to forward herewith four Regulations and Orders relating to preventive measures on the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). Considering the current COVID-19 situation, the Ministry has further the honour to inform the latter that the Royal Thai Government's Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has issued a Regulation specifying additional and strict COVID-19 disease prevention measures for the five provinces of Samut Sakhon, Chonburi, Rayong, Chanthaburi and Trat from 7 January B.E. 2564 (2021) onwards.

In this connection, the Ministry wishes to seek the DCIOs' kind cooperation to refrain from travelling to and from the afore-mentioned five provinces. In case where it is necessary, staff members of the DCIOs, including local staff and drivers, who will be assigned to travel to and from the above-mentioned five provinces must present, at security checkpoints, a Letter of Certification signed by the DCIOs' Head of Chancery or authorised personnel together with an ID card. They must also comply with disease prevention measures issued by the authorities. A standardised Letter of Certification is attached hereto for reference and is available for download at the Department of Protocol's website: <https://protocol.mfa.go.th/en/>.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Representatives and International Organisations in Thailand the assurances of its highest consideration.



All Diplomatic Missions, Consular Representatives and International Organisations,
THAILAND.

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Regulation

Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree
on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)
(No. 15)

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 8th extension of the duration of the enforcement of the aforementioned Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 15 January B.E. 2564 (2021);

Whereas the Government has been continuously implementing measures to prevent and suppress the spread of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) resulting in the consecutive improvement in the handling of the emergency situation; however, at present a new wave of outbreak of the disease has been found in some areas, it is therefore necessary for the Government to tighten and elevate measures necessary for the prompt remedy of the situation in order to prevent a wider spread of the outbreak; 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. Prohibition of Use or Entry into Areas which are Risk-Prone to the Transmission of the Disease: It is prohibited to use, enter or stay in areas, places or vehicles that are risk-prone to the infection of the disease as notified or ordered by the Governor of Bangkok, Provincial Governors or communicable disease control officers under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) in order to prevent and control the spread of the disease.

2. Closure of Places that are Risk-Prone to the Transmission of the Disease: The Governor of Bangkok and Provincial Governors shall consider and issue Orders by virtue of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) to temporarily close places that are risk-prone to the transmission and the spread of the disease.

3. Prohibition of the Assembly of Persons: It is prohibited to assemble, to carry out activities, or to gather at any place that is crowded, or to commit any act which may cause unrest in areas determined by the Chief Officer responsible for remedying the emergency situation on matters relating to security.

4. Measures for the Travel and Movement of Foreign Workers: Competent officials shall conduct surveillance, check and screen the travel and movement of foreign workers, in accordance with measures specified by the Prime Minister as proposed by the *Ad Hoc*

Committee for the Consideration of the Relaxation of the Enforcement of the Measures to Prevent and Suppress the Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

5. The Implementation and Enforcement of Disease Prevention Measures: Government agencies, communicable disease control officers and relevant persons shall ensure that people from all sectors strictly follow the disease prevention measures prescribed by the Regulation (No. 11) issued on 30 June B.E. 2563 (2020) and the Regulation (No. 14) issued on 31 August B.E. 2563 (2020).

6. Coordination: The Operation Centre of the CCSA, with the Secretary-General of the National Security Council as Director of the Centre, shall carry out duties as an operational agency to mobilise, expedite and monitor the operation of relevant government agencies and entities as well as to integrate the collaboration of operations of government agencies, government entities and agencies under the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration.

In order to quickly remedy the emergency situation as well as move forward the economy, government agencies, government entities and operational centres under the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration shall consider measures and expedite the operations according to their duties and powers to achieve timely and clear concrete results, as well as support the operation of the Operational Centre of the CCSA as requested or co-ordinated.

In cases where difficulties arise concerning the compliance with this Regulation both by the general public and competent officials, the Operation Centre of the CCSA and 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 be consulted with respectively.

7. In order for disease prevention measures to be prescribed harmoniously, Notifications or Orders issued by the Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors under Clause 1 or Clause 2 to remedy the emergency situation shall be in accordance with measures and guidelines specified by the Prime Minister or the CCSA.

The Emergency Operation Centre for Medical and Public Health Issues and the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration of the Ministry of Interior shall jointly assess and specify additional COVID-19 zoning areas in order to manage and prepare for the prevention of a new wave of outbreak, in accordance with the guidelines and conditions for the COVID-19 zoning prescribed by the CCSA and submit to the Operational Centre of the CCSA and the Prime Minister.

8. All Notifications or Orders of the Governor of Bangkok, Provincial Governors or communicable disease control officers issued under the laws on communicable diseases in order to remedy the emergency situation shall be deemed Orders under this Regulation.

All Notifications or Orders of the Governor of Bangkok, Provincial Governors or communicable disease control officers issued under the laws on communicable diseases in order to remedy the emergency situation, issued before the date on which this Regulation comes into effect, which are deemed as Notifications or Orders under the Regulations issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), shall remain in force until a Regulation, Notification or Order is issued otherwise.

This Regulation shall come into effect from 25 December B.E. 2563 (2020).

Issued on 25 December B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister

(Unofficial Translation)

Regulation

Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree
on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)
(No. 16)

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 8th extension of the duration of the enforcement of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 15 January B.E. 2564 (2021);

Whereas the new wave of outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 has widely spread the disease to many areas, and the number of newly confirmed infected patients, especially cases of domestic infection, has increased on a daily basis, together with the travel by persons the majority of which are asymptomatic or have not yet shown any symptoms, from COVID-19 zoning areas categorised as maximum COVID-19 control zones, causing the spread of the disease in the form of cluster infections; moreover, competent officials performing tasks to control the disease have discovered that some infected persons conceal their travel information, causing a delay in disease investigation and hindering the performance of other related tasks, resulting in a new widespread outbreak; it is therefore necessary for the Government to prescribe and enforce all measures in order to remedy and suppress this emergency situation. 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. Prohibition of Use of Buildings or Places that are Risk-Prone to the Spread of the Disease: It is prohibited to use the buildings and premises of all types of schools and educational institutions located in COVID-19 zoning areas categorised as maximum COVID-19 control zones for the organisation of education, examinations, training or any other activities that involve a large number of participants, except for the following:

- (1) The organisation of education or activities through remote communication or electronic means;
- (2) The use of buildings or places for assisting, caring, fostering or sheltering persons;

(3) The organisation of activities by the government or of public interest upon the permission of the Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors;

(4) Small-sized schools or educational institutions with the total number of students not exceeding one hundred and twenty, or border patrol police schools.

2. Prohibition to Conduct Activities that are Risk-Prone to the Spread of the Disease: It is prohibited to conduct activities in the COVID-19 zoning areas categorised as maximum COVID-19 control zones that involve a large number of participants and a possibility of close physical contact, such as meetings, seminars, catering, the distribution of food or materials, except when conducted or permitted by competent officials, or when conducted in areas specified as places of quarantine with supporting public health measures in place.

The Governor of Bangkok, upon the recommendation of the Bangkok Communicable Disease Committee, or Provincial Governors, upon the recommendation of the Provincial Communicable Disease Committee, shall prescribe criteria for competent officials to consider issuing permission, as appropriate according to the situation in each area under their responsibility.

3. Closure of Premises that are Risk-Prone to the Spread of the Disease: The Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors shall, by virtue of the laws on communicable diseases, consider issuing orders to close places of entertainment, other similar establishments, pubs, bars, and karaoke shops situated in the COVID-19 zoning areas categorised as maximum COVID-19 control zones.

4. Conditions for the Opening for Operation: In the COVID-19 zoning areas categorised as maximum COVID-19 control zones, the following places, businesses or activities may open for operation under the prescribed conditions, timeframes and the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems:

(1) The sales of food or beverages: orderly arrangements in accordance with the guidelines and disease prevention measures as prescribed by the government shall be set up for the access to services, the number of dine-in customers and the arrangement of premises, and such services may be operated as takeaway. The Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration of the Ministry of Interior and the Emergency Operation Centre for Medical and Public Health Issues shall jointly consider, assess and determine the format and supervise that the implementation of such guidelines and measures in each Province is appropriate.

(2) The sales of liquor in restaurants or other places that sell liquor: the consumption of liquor and alcoholic beverages in the restaurant/place shall be prohibited.

(3) Department stores, shopping centres, community malls, exhibition centres, convention centres or exhibition halls, convenience stores, supermarkets or other similar places of business may open for operation during their normal operating hours under strict compliance with the disease prevention measures as prescribed by the government.

5. **Appropriate Measures According to the Situation in each Area:** In order to prevent and suppress the spread of the disease according to the situation in each COVID-19 zoning area, the Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors may consider, in accordance with the laws on communicable diseases, ordering the closure of, restriction on or prohibition of operation in the areas, places or vehicles, or ordering the prohibition to carry out any other activities which are risk-prone to the spread of the disease in the area under their responsibility in addition to those already prescribed in accordance with the measures or guidelines prescribed by the Regulation (No. 15).

6. **Screening Measures for Cross-Provincial Travel:** Competent officials shall inspect and screen travel via cross-provincial transportation routes, in particular the travel of persons from COVID-19 zoning areas categorised as maximum COVID-19 control zones in accordance with the measures prescribed by the Operation Centre of the CCSA, taking into consideration the propriety in each area, without creating undue burden for the people.

Cross-provincial travel shall be refrained from or delayed, except when there is a necessity, for which the reason and evidence shall be shown to competent officials. The travellers shall be screened and follow disease prevention measures as prescribed by the government, which may cause inconvenience and unusual delays in the journey.

7. Private sector operators are requested to cooperate by considering their format of operation during this period, which may include working outside the office, or alternating days or arranging overlapping shifts for going into the office in order to reduce the number of workers and travelling as a measure to decrease the risk of infection.

8. 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 tighten measures to be implemented for places, businesses or activities according to the situation as appropriate.

This Regulation shall come into effect from 4 January B.E. 2564 (2021) at 16.00 hrs.

Issued on 3 January B.E. 2564 (2021)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister

(Unofficial Translation)

Order of the Prime Minister

No. 39/2563

Re : Additional Arrangement of the Structure of the Centre for the Administration of the Situation due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

(No. 5)

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 consecutive extensions of the duration of the enforcement of the aforementioned Declaration of an Emergency Situation, the Order of the Prime Minister No. 5/2563 on the Establishment of a Special Task Force to Perform Duties in Accordance with the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) issued on 25 March B.E. 2563 (2020) and the Order of the Prime Minister No. 6/2563 on the Arrangement of the Structure of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration issued on 27 March B.E. 2563 (2020) and its amendments;

In order to remedy the emergency situation in an appropriate and effective manner and to correspondingly manage the evolving situation, it is therefore appropriate to modify the internal organisational structure of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration to correspond with the performance of duties, by virtue of Section 7 paragraph five of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), and Clause 4 (3) of the Order of the Prime Minister No. 5/2563 on the Establishment of a Special Task Force to Perform Duties in Accordance with the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), issued on 25 March 2563 (2020), the Prime Minister, in the capacity of the Director of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration, hereby issues the following order:

1. The provisions of Clause 1 of the Order of the Prime Minister No. 6/2563 on the Arrangement of the Structure of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration issued on 27 March B.E. 2563 (2020) and its amendments, shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

“1. The Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) shall have an internal organisational structure as follows:

(1) Office of the Secretariat, with the Deputy Secretary-General to the Prime Minister for Political Affairs, assigned by the Prime Minister, as Head of the Office;

(2) Operation Centre of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (Operation Centre of the CCSA), with the Secretary-General of the National Security Council as Director of the Centre;

(3) Emergency Operation Centre for Medical and Public Health Issues Relating to the Communicable Disease COVID-19, with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Health as Head of the Centre;

(4) The Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration of the Ministry of Interior, with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior as Head of the Centre;

(5) Operation Centre for Measures on the Entry into and Departure from the Kingdom, and the Protection of Thai Nationals Abroad, with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Head of the Centre;

(6) Operation Centre for Remediating the Emergency Situation on Security, with the Supreme Commander as Head of the Centre; and

(7) Operation Centre for Medical Innovations and Research and Development, with the Executive Director of the National Research Council of Thailand as Head of the Centre.”

This Order shall come into effect immediately.

Issued on 25 December B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)

Prime Minister

Director of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation
Administration

(Unofficial Translation)

**Order of the Centre for the Administration of the Situation
due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)**

No. 1/2564

Re : COVID-19 Zoning Areas Categorised as Maximum COVID-19 Control Zones
based on Regulations Issued under Section 9
of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)

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 8th extension of the duration of the enforcement of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 15 January B.E. 2564 (2021);

In order to efficiently manage and prepare the prevention of a new wave of outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 in accordance with guidelines for the COVID-19 zoning based on Regulations issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), by virtue of Clause 4 (2) of the Order of the Prime Minister No. 4/2563 on the Appointment of Supervisors, Chief Officials and Competent Officials Responsible for Remediating the Emergency Situation, issued on 25 March B.E. 2563 (2020), and its amendments, the Prime Minister, in the capacity of the Director of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration, with the advice of the Emergency Operation Center for Medical and Public Health Issues and the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration of the Ministry of Interior, hereby orders Chief Officials responsible for remediating the emergency situation and competent officials to carry out functions in accordance with the measures under the Regulations, for the COVID-19 zoning areas categorised as maximum control zones according to the list of Provinces attached to this Order.

This Order shall come into effect as from 4 January B.E. 2564 (2021) until otherwise ordered.

Issued on 3 January B.E. 2564 (2021)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)

Prime Minister

Director of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration

List of Provinces Designated to be Included in the Maximum Control Zone
attached to the Order of the Centre for the Administration of the Situation
due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

No. 1/2564

Issued on 3 January B.E. 2564 (2021)

1. Krung Thep Maha Nakhon (Bangkok)
2. Kanchanaburi Province
3. Chanthaburi Province
4. Chachoengsao Province
5. Chumphon Province
6. Chon Buri Province
7. Trat Province
8. Tak Province
9. Nakhon Nayok Province
10. Nakhon Pathom Province
11. Nonthaburi Province
12. Pathum Thani Province
13. Prachuap Khiri Khan Province
14. Prachin Buri Province
15. Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province
16. Phetchaburi Province
17. Ratchaburi Province
18. Ranong Province
19. Rayong Province
20. Lop Buri Province
21. Sing Buri Province
22. Samut Prakan Province
23. Samut Songkhram Province
24. Samut Sakhon Province
25. Suphan Buri Province
26. Sa Kaeo Province
27. Saraburi Province
28. Ang Thong Province

28 Provinces in total

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