

(Unofficial Translation)

Order of the Prime Minister

No. 18/2563

Re : Appointment of an *Ad Hoc* Committee on Legal Matters

Pursuant to the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand as from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020);

In order for the administration of the emergency situation on issues relating to legal matters to be conducted in a unified manner, corresponding with the situation, and in an orderly and efficient manner, by virtue of Section 2 paragraph two 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 B.E. 2563 (2020), the Prime Minister hereby appoints an *Ad Hoc* Committee on Legal Matters, which shall have the composition, and duties and powers as follows:

Composition

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| (1) Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice | Chairman |
| (2) Secretary-General of the Council of State | Vice Chairman |
| (3) Representative of the Ministry of Finance | Member |
| (4) Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Member |
| (5) Representative of the Ministry of Interior | Member |
| (6) Representative of the Ministry of Public Health | Member |
| (7) Representative of the Office of the Attorney General | Member |
| (8) Representative of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters | Member |
| (9) Representative of the Office of the Judiciary | Member |
| (10) Representative of the Office of the National Security Council | Member |
| (11) Representative of the Royal Thai Police | Member |
| (12) Director-General of the Legal Execution Department | Member |
| (13) Director-General of the Office of Justice Affairs | Member |
| (14) Official of the Office of the Council of State | Member and
Co-Secretary |
| (15) Official of the Office of the Permanent Secretary
of the Ministry of Justice | Member and
Co-Secretary |

Duties and Powers

(1) Consider and provide opinions and recommendations on legal matters relating to the administration of the emergency situation to the Prime Minister, or as assigned by the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration;

(2) Consider and provide advice and legal opinions to government agencies or entities on problems, obstacles or difficulties in carrying out tasks, and recommend methods or measures for the resolution of such problems and obstacles for the efficient administration of the emergency situation;

(3) Inspect, expedite, monitor and coordinate on lawsuits relating to the administration of the situation due to the outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19);

(4) Study and provide legal recommendations relating to the administration of the emergency situation to the Prime Minister;

(5) Coordinate with relevant government agencies or entities, as well as invite representatives of government agencies or entities, or relevant persons, to give any relevant information, facts, opinions or submit any documentary evidence for its consideration;

(6) Appoint sub-committees or working groups, or assign relevant officials to assist with the performance of duties or to carry out tasks as assigned by the Committee, as necessary and appropriate;

(7) Perform any other duties as assigned by the Prime Minister.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Legal Matters under this Order shall be an advisor for the performance of duties of competent officials in the exercise of functions under Section 8 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation B.E. 2548 (2005).

This Order shall come into effect immediately.

Issued on 21 April B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister