

*(Unofficial Translation)*

## **Regulation**

Issued under Section 9

of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)  
(No. 17)

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Pursuant to the Declaration of a Serious 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;

In order to prescribe necessary measures to suppress the new wave of outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 which spreads in the form of cluster infection in several areas of the country especially in the maximum COVID-19 control zone where stringent measures are necessary to promptly and absolutely stop and suppress the spread of the disease even though most people have always been cooperative in complying with disease prevention measures, 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. Intensifying the Enforcement of Disease Prevention Measures:** Competent officials, communicable disease control officers and responsible persons of places, activities or businesses shall ensure that customers, travellers and the general public strictly comply with disease prevention measures, by maintaining social distancing, wearing cloth masks or surgical masks, washing hands, checking body temperature, installing the application as prescribed, as well as accepting to undergo quarantine for the duration and at the place as determined if they fit the criteria to be quarantined.

The Government encourages the general public to install and use the “MorChana” application, developed with the collaboration between the private and public sectors led by the Department of Disease Control and the Digital Government Development Agency (Public Organisation), from which the general public will benefit from receiving information, behavioral recommendations or warnings in order to reduce risk or to avoid becoming infected, especially persons in the areas categorised as the maximum COVID-19 control zone in order to enable the prompt investigation and surveillance of the disease. Such application shall be used together with the “Thaichana” application for an effective outcome.

**2. Elevating the Maximum COVID-19 Control Zone where Extremely Stringent Measures are Necessary:** Competent officials shall inspect and control the use of transportation routes or vehicles used by the general public to travel in and out of areas categorised as the maximum and strict COVID-19 control zone, where there is risk of greater outbreak of the disease, namely Chanthaburi Province, Chon Buri Province, Trat Province, Rayong Province and Samut Sakhon Province, in order to promptly and absolutely stop and suppress the spread of the disease, by establishing checkpoints or screening points to intensively screen travel into and from the areas. Persons in such areas shall install and use the “MorChana” application.

Persons desiring to travel out of the maximum and strict COVID-19 control zone shall declare the reason for such necessity by presenting their identification card or other card attesting to their identity along with documents supporting the necessity issued by relevant competent officials or local administrative officials, except for persons who are exempted, in accordance with the criteria prescribed by the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration of the Ministry of Interior.

**3. Suppressing and Punishing the Wrongdoers Causing the Spread of the Disease:** The Government has a clear and firm intention to suppress and punish competent officials and government officials as well as any other person involved in the smuggling of foreign workers without undergoing the inspection, screening and quarantine procedures in accordance with public health measures, as well as those neglecting or omitting to perform their duties, and facilitating or conspiring to the opening of gambling dens in various areas causing the spread in the form of cluster infection of the disease with severe impacts, and has already ordered and enjoined authorised officials to expeditiously investigate in order to take legal actions against such offenders in accordance with the legal procedures. The Government shall also establish a committee to supervise the implementation and recommend measures for the prevention of such situation in the future.

The Operation Centre for Remediating the Emergency Situation on Security, security agencies and responsible officials shall rigorously perform tasks, inspect and monitor in order to prevent illegal entry into the country as well as the gathering for illegal gambling which were sources of the spread of the disease this time, and shall proceed with both disciplinary and criminal legal procedures.

The Government supports the participation of the general public in the monitoring of illicit acts. If an action or omission thereof which constitutes an offence under the law and brings about the effect of causing the severe spread of the disease is seen or found, such information may be notified to the Prime Minister through the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration at the Government House.

**4. Punishment:** The violation of Regulations issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) is an offence which may be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding forty thousand baht or to both.

Infected persons who intentionally conceal their travel itinerary or give false information to communicable disease control officers, causing the obstruction of disease investigation and control, and thereby causing the spread of the disease, may be considered as violating or not complying with orders of communicable disease control officers, which is an offence under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015).

This Regulation shall come into effect from 7 January B.E. 2564 (2021).

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Prime Minister