

(Unofficial translation)

Notification

Re : Extension of Duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation
in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand
(8th Extension)

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 extension of the duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation (7th Extension) until 30 November B.E. 2563 (2020);

Since the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand was first issued to date, the Government, with the cooperation from all sectors of the society, has been so able to efficiently carry out measures for the prevention and suppression of the spread of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 that Thailand has won the admiration and praises from the World Health Organization for being an excellent model in the handling of the pandemic. However, the fact is evident that the number of confirmed infected patients and the mortality rate of patients worldwide continue to significantly increase and there have been new waves of outbreaks forcing governments of many countries which had relaxed measures for the prevention and suppression of the spread of the disease to reinstate strict enforcement of various measures once again, and severely affecting the economic and social system, which indicates that imprudent relaxation of measures for the prevention and suppression of the spread of the disease does more harm than good. Moreover, the situation of the spread of the disease in countries bordering Thailand is still severe, while the number of people illegally entering the Kingdom through natural routes still continuously increases, although the Government has been strictly screening and controlling the disease in accordance with public health measures at all Points of Entry into the Kingdom established by law, and new patients confirmed to be domestically infected have also been detected when exhibiting symptoms of the disease. The situation therefore still presents a threat to public order and safety of the people, public health security and the social and economic system of the country, while Thailand is entering the winter season which is a significant factor rendering the prevention and control of the disease more difficult, with New Year festivities soon to be approaching during which a large number of Thai and foreign tourists will travel, and Thailand also has the honour to host various international sports competitions. It is thus necessary to extend the duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand for a further period of time, in order to remedy

the Emergency Situation in a unified and efficient manner, promptly responding to the situation, with the aim of securing the health and safety of the lives of the people;

By virtue of Section 5 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), the Prime Minister, upon approval of the Council of Ministers by the Resolution dated 23 November B.E. 2563 (2020), hereby extends the duration of the enforcement of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand for a further period of time. As for the Declaration of a Serious Emergency Situation in areas in the Southern Border Provinces, it shall concurrently continue to take effect.

This Notification shall take effect from 1 December B.E. 2563 (2020) to 15 January B.E. 2564 (2021).

Issued on 23 November B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister