Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

Re: Localities outside the Kingdom Designated as Dangerous Communicable Disease Infected Zones of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19

B.E. 2563 (2020)

Whereas the situation of the outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 has rapidly and widely spread to many countries across the globe, resulting in a large number of infected persons and fatalities, as well as, on 30 January B.E. 2563 (2020), the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the said disease as a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), the Minister of Public Health, upon the recommendation of the National Communicable Disease Committee, therefore declared the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 as a dangerous communicable disease under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015). However, since Thailand is a country at risk of the transmission of the said disease from travellers from outside of the Kingdom, therefore, in order to prevent and control the disease which may enter into the Kingdom, as well as to ensure efficient surveillance, prevention and control of the said disease, the Minister of Public Health, upon the recommendation of the Technical Committee, deems it appropriate to issue this Notification to designate localities outside the Kingdom where there is an outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 as Dangerous Communicable Disease Infected Zones under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), and when the situation of the said disease is deemed calm or when there is a valid reason, a further notification shall be issued to cancel such designation;

By virtue of Section 5 paragraph one, together with Section 8 of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the Minister of Public Health, upon the recommendation of the Technical Committee, hereby issues the following notification:

- 1. This Notification is called the "Notification of the Ministry of Public Health on Localities outside the Kingdom Designated as Dangerous Communicable Disease Infected Zones of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 B.E. 2563 (2020)".
- 2. This Notification shall come into effect as from the day after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.
- 3. The following localities outside the Kingdom shall be designated as Dangerous Communicable Disease Infected Zones of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19:
 - (1) The Republic of Korea;
- (2) The People's Republic of China, including Macao and Hong Kong Special Administrative Regions;

- (3) The Italian Republic;
- (4) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

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