



Legal Update Week 29 - 30 (13 - 26 July 2020)

Thailand legal news

Highlights:

- BOI grants 1 year an import duty exemption on goods imported for R&D
- Prescribe the duty and obligation of data controllers under Personal Data Protection Act
- Permission of some types of foreigners to stay in Thailand.

- **22 July 2020:**

- The specific groups of foreigners including businessmen and specialists under special arrangements and diplomats are approved to enter the country ordered by the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA). However, those groups are required to be under the state quarantine measure.

- **24 July 2020:**

- The government plans to issue 15-years green bonds amounting to THB 30 billion selling to investors in August in order to assist the financial situation resulting from the Covid-19 outbreak.

- **25 July 2020:**

- The registration for the "We Tour Together" promotion program started on 15 July 2020 which is enabled for Thai tourists to enjoy 40% discount on hotel prices (up to THB 3,000 per applicant) together with airfares and food expenses.

New Cabinet resolutions

14 July 2020:

- **Approved principle:** Draft Min. reg. issue no. □ (B.E. □) in accordance with the signboard tax act B.E. 2510
 - Prescribed the new rate of signboard tax from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023.

21 July 2020:

- **Approved Draft:** Draft Min. reg. re: waiver of fee for license and substitute license in relation to industrial products B.E. □ proposed by the Ministry of Industry.
 - Impose a waiver of fee for license and substitute license in relation to industrial products;
 - Enforcing after 15 days since the date of its publication in the Government Gazette until 30 April 2021.
- **Approved Draft:** Draft Min. reg. re: waiver of fee for examiner and certifier B.E. □ proposed by the Ministry of Industry.
 - Impose the waiver of application fee for a license, certificate, certificate of examination, substitute license, renewal of license, and certification;
 - Enforcing after 15 days since the date of its publication in the Government Gazette until 30 April 2021.
- **Approved Draft:** Draft ministry announcement re: permission of the types of foreigners to stay in the Kingdom under the specific circumstance (issue no. □)
 - Extend the period of permission to stay under section 35 of the immigration act B.E. 2522 and relevant regulations from 1 August 2020 to 26 September 2020.
 - Extend the period of notifying the place of accommodation under section 37(5) of immigration act B.E. 2522 from 1 August 2020 to 26 September 2020.

Government Gazette Update:

Date	Part	Subject
13 July 2020	Phiset Ngor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Announcement of the public health emergency operation center re: rules and guidelines of state quarantined place determined by government B.E. 2563.- Prescribe the definition and characters of the place of state and local quarantine.- <u>Effective date</u>: 8 May 2020 <p>http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/160/T_0031.PDF</p>
17 July 2020	Phiset Ngor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Announcement of the Ministry of Digital for Economic and Society re: the standards for maintaining security and safety of personal data B.E. 2563- Prescribe the duty and obligation of data controllers under the royal decree on the organizations and businesses of which personal data controllers are exempted from the applicability of the personal data protection act B.E. 2562 B.E. 2563.- Those data controllers are required to keep the confidentiality, integrity, availability of personal data.- <u>Effective date</u>: from 18 July 2020 to 31 May 2021 <p>http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/164/T_0012.PDF</p>
21 July 2020	Phiset Ngor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Announcement of Board of Investment no. Sor. 3/2563 on the amendment of the business activity list with investment promotion under the announcement of the board of investment no. 2/2557- Add the activity 1.23: manufacture or service provider of a modern agricultural system such as detection system or monitoring atmosphere system, controlling resource usage system.- <u>Effective date</u>: 13 April 2020 <p>http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/166/T_0040.PDF</p>

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Phiset Ngor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Announcement of the Board of Investment No. 6/2563 re: amendment of the investment promotion measures for grassroots economy- Prescribes the conditions and incentives to encourage private sector participation in supporting community enterprises in holistic water resource management, apart from enhancing competition capacity of production or services of local organizations or communities in agriculture and agricultural products, light industries, and community tourism- <u>Effective date:</u> 13 April 2020http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/166/T_0042.PDF
Phiset Ngor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Announcement of the Board of Investment No. 7/2563 re: the investment promotion measures for the medical industry- Provides incentives for businesses producing raw materials for medical equipment by amending category 1.16.1 manufacture of alcohol from agricultural products for pharmaceutical purposes.- Greater tax benefits are granted to a business manufacturing fabric used as raw materials in the production of medical masks and devices under business category 3.2.1- <u>Effective date:</u> 13 April 2020http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/166/T_0045.PDF
Phiset Ngor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Announcement of the Board of Investment No. 8/2563 re: exercise of the import duty exemption incentives on goods imported for research and development- Grant an import duty exemption on goods imported for research and development (R&D) and related experimentation for one year upon each application. the following R&D-related activities which are eligible for the exemption are as follows:

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Activities on R&D (for example, R&D activities, biotechnology activities, and targeted technology development activities)2. Activities that require R&D to be conducted to fulfill conditions as prescribed by the BOI (for example, plant and animal breeding activities)3. Activities that require investment in R&D to receive higher incentives (for example additional incentives, either CIT exemption or CIT reduction, granted under measures as prescribed by the BOI's announcement)4. Projects that receive additional merit-based incentives on competitiveness enhancement by conducting R&D5. Projects engaging in R&D activities and promoted under Measures to Promote Improvement of Production Efficiency <p>- <u>Effective date:</u> 13 April 2020</p> <p>http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/166/T_0048.PDF</p>
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