(Unofficial Translation)

Regulation

Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 15)

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 subsequent 8th extension of the duration of the enforcement of the aforementioned Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 15 January B.E. 2564 (2021);

Whereas the Government has been continuously implementing measures to prevent and suppress the spread of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) resulting in the consecutive improvement in the handling of the emergency situation; however, at present a new wave of outbreak of the disease has been found in some areas, it is therefore necessary for the Government to tighten and elevate measures necessary for the prompt remedy of the situation in order to prevent a wider spread of the outbreak; 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. Prohibition of Use or Entry into Areas which are Risk-Prone to the Transmission of the Disease: It is prohibited to use, enter or stay in areas, places or vehicles that are risk-prone to the infection of the disease as notified or ordered by the Governor of Bangkok, Provincial Governors or communicable disease control officers under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) in order to prevent and control the spread of the disease.
- 2. Closure of Places that are Risk-Prone to the Transmission of the Disease: The Governor of Bangkok and Provincial Governors shall consider and issue Orders by virtue of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) to temporarily close places that are risk-prone to the transmission and the spread of the disease.
- **3.** Prohibition of the Assembly of Persons: It is prohibited to assemble, to carry out activities, or to gather at any place that is crowded, or to commit any act which may cause unrest in areas determined by the Chief Officer responsible for remedying the emergency situation on matters relating to security.
- 4. Measures for the Travel and Movement of Foreign Workers: Competent officials shall conduct surveillance, check and screen the travel and movement of foreign workers, in accordance with measures specified by the Prime Minister as proposed by the Ad Hoc

Committee for the Consideration of the Relaxation of the Enforcement of the Measures to Prevent and Suppress the Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

- 5. The Implementation and Enforcement of Disease Prevention Measures: Government agencies, communicable disease control officers and relevant persons shall ensure that people from all sectors strictly follow the disease prevention measures prescribed by the Regulation (No. 11) issued on 30 June B.E. 2563 (2020) and the Regulation (No. 14) issued on 31 August B.E. 2563 (2020).
- **6.** Coordination: The Operation Centre of the CCSA, with the Secretary-General of the National Security Council as Director of the Centre, shall carry out duties as an operational agency to mobilise, expedite and monitor the operation of relevant government agencies and entities as well as to integrate the collaboration of operations of government agencies, government entities and agencies under the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration.

In order to quickly remedy the emergency situation as well as move forward the economy, government agencies, government entities and operational centres under the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration shall consider measures and expedite the operations according to their duties and powers to achieve timely and clear concrete results, as well as support the operation of the Operational Centre of the CCSA as requested or co-ordinated.

In cases where difficulties arise concerning the compliance with this Regulation both by the general public and competent officials, the Operation Centre of the CCSA and the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Consideration of the Relaxation of the Enforcement of Measures to Prevent and Suppress the Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) shall be consulted with respectively.

7. In order for disease prevention measures to be prescribed harmoniously, Notifications or Orders issued by the Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors under Clause 1 or Clause 2 to remedy the emergency situation shall be in accordance with measures and guidelines specified by the Prime Minister or the CCSA.

The Emergency Operation Centre for Medical and Public Health Issues and the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration of the Ministry of Interior shall jointly assess and specify additional COVID-19 control zones in order to manage and prepare for the prevention of a new outbreak, in accordance with the guidelines and conditions for the COVID-19 control zones prescribed by the CCSA and submit to the Operational Centre of the CCSA and the Prime Minister.

8. All Notifications or Orders of the Governor of Bangkok, Provincial Governors or communicable disease control officers issued under the laws on communicable diseases in order to remedy the emergency situation shall be deemed Orders under this Regulation.

All Notifications or Orders of the Governor of Bangkok, Provincial Governors or communicable disease control officers issued under the laws on communicable diseases in order to remedy the emergency situation, issued before the date on which this Regulation comes into effect, which are deemed as Notifications or Orders under the Regulations issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), shall remain in force until a Regulation, Notification or Order is issued otherwise.

This Regulation shall come into effect from 25 December B.E. 2563 (2020).

Issued on 25 December B.E. 2563 (2020)

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Prime Minister