

(unofficial translation)

PROTECTION OF THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION ACT,
B.E. 2503 (1960)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX;

Sangwan,

Regent,

Given on the 3rd Day of October B.E. 2503; Being the 15th Year of the Present Reign.

Whereas it is expedient to have a law on the protection of the operation of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization;

His Majesty the King, by and with the advice and consent of the Constitution Drafting Assembly acting as the Legislative Assembly, is graciously pleased to enact an Act as follows:

Section 1. This Act is called “Protection of the Operation of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization Act, B.E. 2503 (1960)”.

Section 2.¹ This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. In the interests of protecting the operation in Thailand of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, also known as SEATO, and ensuring the achievement of its purposes, SEATO shall be recognized as a juristic person and be deemed to have a domicile in Thailand.

Section 4. The premises, assets and archives of SEATO shall be accorded the same immunities from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and other forms of interference whether it be executive, administrative, judicial or legislative as those accorded to the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies in Thailand.

Section 5. During performing functions in Thailand, entering Thailand to perform functions, or carrying out missions concerning SEATO, the following individuals shall be accorded the same privileges and immunities in Thailand as those accorded to members of diplomatic missions in Thailand:

- (1) Delegation of any Member State of SEATO and members of the delegation;
- (2) Secretary-General of SEATO, Deputy Secretary-General or international staff members of SEATO appointed to act on behalf of the Secretary-General, and senior

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international staff members of SEATO as mutually agreed between the Royal Thai Government and SEATO.

The provision on the privileges and immunities accorded to the delegation and its members as referred to in (1) shall not be extended to the delegation of Thailand and its members.

Section 6. International staff members of SEATO, apart from those referred to in Section 5 (2), shall be accorded the same privileges and immunities in Thailand as those accorded to staff members of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies.

Section 7. The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall be in charge of the enforcement of this Act.

Countersigned by:

General Sarit Thanarat

Prime Minister

DISCLAIMER: The reason to enact this Act is that as SEATO has established an office in Thailand, it is intended to facilitate its operation and ensure the achievement of its purposes, as well as accord the same privileges and immunities to the delegation of any Member State and staff members of SEATO as those accorded to the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies in Thailand. It is therefore necessary to enact this Act.