

(Unofficial Translation)
Declaration of an Emergency Situation
in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand

Whereas there is an outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 which is a highly contagious disease and is very dangerous to the lives of those who have been infected, combined with the fact that at this moment there is no vaccine nor medicine; consequently there has been a worldwide escalation in the number of infected persons and deaths from this disease. As a result, the World Health Organization announced that the outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 is a pandemic and has requested countries in ASEAN to enforce more stringent measures. The said pandemic is therefore a situation that threatens public order and the safety of the people which necessitates stringent and urgent measures to prevent the widespread transmission of the disease. There has also been the hoarding of goods which are necessary for the monitoring and control of the outbreak, the prevention and treatment of the disease, as well as the hoarding of consumer goods and essentials necessary for the daily life of the people, which must be prevented so as not to create shortages resulting in the aggravation of the distress of the people. It is therefore necessary to adopt urgent measures to protect the people's safety and peaceful living 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, hereby declares an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand. As for the Declaration of a Serious Emergency Situation in areas in the Southern Border Provinces, it shall concurrently continue to take effect.

This Order shall take effect from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020) to 30 April B.E. 2563 (2020).

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Prime Minister