



## Legal Update Week 9 - 10 (24 February – 8 March 2020)

**Highlights:** - NBTC fined 3 digital TV channels for inappropriate broadcasting

- DBD relaxes the regulation regarding the shareholder meeting during Coronavirus outbreak
- Official announcement concerning areas outside of Thailand affected by Covid-19

### Thailand legal news

- **26 February 2020:**

- The National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) fined 3 digital TV channels for inappropriate broadcasting of the mass shooting situation in Korat (One Channel: THB 250,000 / Thairath TV: THB 500,000 / Amarin TV: THB 500,000).
- The Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand signed an agreement with Asia Clean Industrial Property Co., Ltd. to establish Asia Clean Chonburi Industrial Estate in Banbung District, Chonburi, with the total area of 1,300 Rai. The investment, valued at THB 3 billion, is to support First S-Curve and New S-Curve industries, such as next-generation automotive, intelligent electronics, digital, robotics, and automation in the EEC area.

- **3 March 2020:**

- Thai exports in the first quarter decreased by 3.6% due to the Coronavirus outbreak in the major target countries, especially China.

- **4 March 2020:**

- The Minister of Energy mentioned that the 23<sup>rd</sup> bidding round for petroleum concessions in the Gulf of Thailand will begin in April 2020 and

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the respective concession agreement will be entered into with the winner of the bidding in early 2021.

- **5 March 2020:**

- Thailand Post introduced precautionary measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) by ceasing shipments and delivery services to risky destinations (e.g. People's Republic of China and some areas in Italy).
- The Department of Business Development relaxes the regulation regarding the shareholder meeting during the period of Coronavirus outbreak by allowing companies that cannot hold the shareholder meeting within the set period to notify the registrar in writing (case-by-case).

## New Cabinet resolutions

### 24 February 2020:

- **Approved Draft:** Draft Min. Reg. prescribing regulations, procedures, and conditions of sale by public auction B.E. ....

### 3 March 2020:

- **Approved Draft:** Draft Royal Decree issued under the Revenue Code re: tax reduction (No. ..) B.E. .... (tax measures to support Thailand Voluntary Emission Reduction Program ("T-VER"))
  - Corporate income tax exemption for net profits incurred from the sale of carbon credits in Thailand under the T-VER project, registered with the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (public organization), effective as of the date of enforcement until 31 December 2020 (three consecutive tax years).

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## Royal Gazette Update:

Date	Part	Subject
27 February 2020	Ngor Piset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Announcement of the Social Security Office re: regulations of unemployment benefits (No.2) B.E. 2563</li><li>- Revise conditions and benefits granted to insured persons in Clause 3.2 of the announcement (re: unemployment benefits)</li><li>- <u>Effective date:</u> 28 May 2020</li></ul> <p><a href="http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/046/T_0013.PDF">http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/046/T_0013.PDF</a></p>
29 February 2020	Ngor Piset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Announcement of the Ministry of Public Health re: name and symptoms of a dangerous communicable disease (No.3) B.E. 2563</li><li>- <i>Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)</i> is categorized as a dangerous communicable disease.</li><li>- <u>Symptoms and signs:</u> fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, having symptoms of pneumonia. In severe cases, it will also include respiratory failure and may result in death.</li><li>- <u>Effective date:</u> 1 March 2020</li></ul> <p><a href="http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/048/T_0001.PDF">http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/048/T_0001.PDF</a></p>
	Ngor Piset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Announcement of the Ministry of Public Health re: the pathogens list to be controlled as per Section 18 (No.3) B.E. 2563.</li><li>- Adding “<i>Coronavirus</i>” and “<i>Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)</i>”</li><li>- <u>Effective date:</u> 1 March 2020</li></ul> <p><a href="http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/048/T_0002.PDF">http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/048/T_0002.PDF</a></p>
4 March 2020	Ngor Piset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Announcement of the Ministry of Public Health re: emergency patients of a dangerous communicable disease under the communicable disease laws in case of <i>Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)</i></li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A Covid-19 patient is considered as an emergency patient who shall receive emergency medical treatment from hospitals.</li><li>- <u>Effective date:</u> 5 March 2020</li></ul> <p><a href="http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/051/T_0001.PDF">http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/051/T_0001.PDF</a></p>
5 March 2020	Ngor Piset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Announcement of the Ministry of Public Health re: areas outside of Thailand affected by a dangerous communicable disease in case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) B.E. 2563</li><li>- The areas outside of Thailand as stated below shall be the areas of a dangerous communicable disease, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Republic of Korea</li><li>(2) People's Republic of China, Macau, and Hongkong</li><li>(3) Italian Republic</li><li>(4) Islamic Republic of Iran</li></ul></li><li>- This list has been set only to carefully and strictly monitor, prevent, and control the disease.</li><li>- <u>Effective date:</u> 6 March 2020</li></ul> <p><a href="http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/052/T_0013.PDF">http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2563/E/052/T_0013.PDF</a></p>