

The Communicable Disease Act

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Bhumibol Adulyadej, REX.

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Being the 35th year of the present reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej has been graciously pleased to proclaim that :

Whereas it is expedient to revise the Communicable Diseases Act anew,

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the Parliament, as follows:-

Section 13 For the prevention and control of international communicable disease, let the immigration offices be the international disease control frontier posts. Should there be a reasonable doubt, the health officers on duty may proceed as follows :-

1. The owner of a carrier or its controller shall notify the health officers of the international communicable disease as to the time, date and place of the carrier's arrival at the airport, port or land depot, as stated in the ministerial regulation.

2. The owner of a carrier or its controller shall submit documents to the health officer of the international communicable disease control as stated in the ministerial regulation.

3. No vehicle is allowed near the arrival vehicle that has not been inspected by the health officers, and neither embarkation nor disembarkation is allowed unless permitted by the health officers of the international communicable disease control.

4. To inspect the travellers, goods and animals on the vehicle. The health officers have the authority to impose, if need be, on the owner of the vehicle or its controller, for a higher standard of sanitation, and destroying all things that are harmful to health. The owner of the vehicle or its controller is to give full support and cooperation to the health officers on duty in carrying out their work.

5. The owner of a carrier or its controller is forbidden to bring into the kingdom, the passengers who have not been vaccinated.

6. To inspect and direct the work of the officers in charge of the premises at the airport, port or land depot. To improve sanitary conditions and get rid of all things that endanger health.

7. To inspect and oversee that the officers in charge of the premises at the airport, port or land depot carry out active anti-mosquito campaign and also take preventive measures against other diseases within and around the 400 metre radius of the airport, port or land depot. To facilitate the work of the officers, the proprietors or their occupiers in the adjacent areas shall give full support and cooperation to the campaign.

8. To inspect and control the sanitation of food, ices, soft drink or drinking water. Officers in charge should be responsible for the premises, the work, the assemble, the mixture, the handling, installation, storage and the sale of food. Ices, soft drink or drinking water that will be taken or have been taken into the airport, port and land depot are wholesome : or improve the sanitation of food, ices, soft drink and drinking water as well as the conditions of the premises.

Section 14 When there is an epidemic of communicable diseases in any area or port of a foreign country, the health officers of the international communicable disease control have the power to act or give a written order to the owner of the carrier or the officer in charge coming from the infected area as follow : -

1. To proceed or apply any measures to stop the spread and the contamination of the disease.

2. To segregate and quarantine the vehicle until the health officers give the permission to leave.

3. The passengers of the infected vehicle shall receive medical examination : may be put in quarantine of isolation or observed or may be given a vaccination.

4. No embarkation or disembardation is allowed unless permitted by the health officers.

5. Contaminated or suspected food, drinking water and water supply are forbidden in and out of the infected vehicle unless promitted by the health officers.

Section 16 When the orders of the health officers in accordance with any section or section 13 (4)(6)(7) or (8) or section 41(1)(2)(3) are disregarded and not applied within a given time, the health officers are entitled to make necessary arrangements instead. Any expenditure, actually incurred, will be borne by the other party, as stated by the regulatio of the ministry of health.

Section 17 Anyone who fails to comply with Section 7 or violate it or refuse to comply with the announcements or orders of the health officers as in section 8 etc. or section 13, section 14(5) or Obstruct the work of the health officers as in section 13(4) or (7) shall be punished with fine not exceeding two thousand

baht.

Section 18 Anyone who violates or fails to follow the announcements or orders of the health officers as stated in section 8 etc. section 9 section 10 or section 14(3) or (4) shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding six months or fine not exceeding ten thousand baht or both.

Section 20 Anyone who is the owner of a carrier or its controller does not comply with the orders of the health officers as stated in section 14(2), shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding one year or fine not exceeding fifty thousand baht or both.

Section 21 The Ministerial regulation, proclamation and orders under the Communicable Diseases Acts B.E. 2477 and 2482 (No.3), that are being enforced on the date of their publication in the Government Gazette will continue to be enforced as long as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or until new ministerial regulation, proclamation and orders under this Act come into force.

Counter-signature

Prime Minister (Duplicate from Governmental Gazette, 3 April 1980)

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