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Notification of the Ministry of Commerce Prohibition of importing Hookah and Electronic Hookah or Electronic cigarette into Thailand B.E. 2557 (A.D.2014)

It is agreed that Hookah and Electronic Hookah or Electronic cigarette are prohibited product from importing into Thailand as it harms to public health, society, country security, peaceful and morality.

By virtue of the provisions of Section 5 (1) and Section 25 of Export and Import of Goods Act B.E. 2522 (1979), the Minister of Commerce, under Cabinet approval, here by issues a Notification as follows:

Clause 1 This Notification is called the "Notification of the Ministry of Commerce Prohibition of importing Hookah and Electronic Hookah or Electronic cigarette into Thailand B.E. 2557 (A.D.2014)"

Clause 2 This Notification shall become effective as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette

Clause 3 In this Notification

"Hookah" mean Arab smoking pot or something in similar, device or any components regardless of the material which use as a water-pipe smoking from vegetable, fruit extract, fermented vegetable, fermented fruit or any others substances with or without tobacco contained or not referring to Customs Tariff 9614.00.90 and including vegetable, fruit, fermented vegetable, any other substances that use as a source of smoke for those devices, which mix with the tobacco according to Customs Tariff 2403.11.00.

"Electronic Hookah or Electronic cigarette" means device use electrical power to create vapor similar to cigarette smoke, use for smoke same as cigarette referring to Customs Tariff 8543.70.90.

Clause 4 Hookah and Electronic Hookah or Electronic cigarette is prohibited goods for importing into Thailand. Any substances which are source of smoke or vapor for smoking of Hookah and Electronic Hookah or Electronic cigarette importing with Hookah and Electronic Hookah or Electronic cigarette are prohibited from importing into Thailand as well.

Notified on this 12th day of December, B.E. 2557 (A.D. 2014)

General Chatchai Sarikulya

Minister of the Ministry of Commerce