

Commodity Control Act, B.E. 2495 (1952)

Translation

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B.E. 2495

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX.

Given on 23rd February B.E. 2495;

Being the 7th Year of the Present Reign.

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

Whereas it is expedient to have a law on commodity control for the welfare of the people as the situation may require;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the Assembly of the People's Representatives, as follows:

Section 1. This Act is called the "Commodity Control Act, B.E. 2495".

Section 2. This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette<sup>(1)</sup> and the application thereof in any locality shall be effected by a Royal Decree.

Section 3. In this Act:

"commodities" means consumable goods and includes articles specified in the Ministerial Regulation issued under this Act;

"competent official" means an official appointed by the Minister for the execution of this Act or of the Royal Decree issued under this Act;

"distribution" includes transfer of right or ownership or transfer of possession in every case;

"Minister" means the Minister having charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Section 4. The Government shall have the power to control commodities where it is required by situation for the welfare of the people or where it is necessary for the economy or security of the country.

Section 5. The control under section 4 shall be prescribed by a Royal Decree for the following purposes:

1. to limit the quantity of commodities which may be possessed by a person;

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2. to specify the quantity of commodities which may be acquired by a person;
3. to regulate the trading, distribution, storage, and any conduct in connection with commodities including the control of all shops distributing commodities;
4. to specify the time, place and manner in the distribution of commodities;
5. to limit the type, quantity and kind of commodities permitted to be distributed;
6. to prohibit the distribution or use of commodities;
7. to specify the ration procedure for commodities;
8. to specify other activities and procedure in order to achieve the purposes provided in section 4.

Section 6. Any type or kind of commodities to be under control shall be specified by the Ministerial Regulation.

Section 7. In the execution of this Act or of the Royal Decree issued under this Act, a competent official shall have an identity card as prescribed in the Ministerial Regulation.

Section 8. In the execution of this Act or of the Royal Decree issued under this Act, a competent official shall have the power to enter any house or place for inspection between sunrise and sunset when there is reasonable ground to suspect that there is any violation against the Royal Decree issued under this Act.

Section 9. Any person who violates the provisions of the Royal Decree issued under this Act shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand Baht or to both; and in the case of recidive, the punishment shall be double.

The commodities in connection with the offence shall be forfeited.

Section 10. In the execution of this Act or of the Royal Decree issued under this Act, any competent official who commits any act which constitutes an offence under Book 2, Title 2, Chapter 2, section 129 to section 146 of the Penal Law shall be liable to double punishment.

Section 11. The Minister of Interior and the Minister of Commerce shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act and shall have the power to issue Ministerial Regulations, appoint competent officials and prescribe other activities for the execution of this Act.

Such Ministerial Regulations shall come into force upon their publication in the Government Gazette.

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