

(Translation)

Unofficial Translation\*

**ASEAN OPERATION PROTECTION ACT  
B.E.2551**

**BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX.**

**Given on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of November B.E. 2551;  
Being the 63<sup>th</sup> Year of the Present Reign**

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej has the Royal Proclamation to announce that:

Whereas it is expedient to have the law governing the ASEAN operation protection;

Therefore, His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej has graciously been pleased to enact this Act, with the advice and consent of the Parliament, as follows:

**Section 1** This Act shall be called the “ASEAN Operation Protection Act B.E. 2551”.

**Section 2**<sup>1</sup> This Act shall come into force as from the date following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

**Section 3** In this Act:

“Charter” means the ASEAN Charter signed by the Thai Government on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007;

“ASEAN” means the Association of South East Asian Nations;

**Section 4**<sup>2</sup> (Repealed)

**Section 5**<sup>3</sup> For protection of ASEAN operation in Thailand, the intentions shall be achieved.

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<sup>1</sup> The Government Gazette, Volume 125 Section 121A, Page 1 dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008

<sup>2</sup> Section 4 has been repealed by the ASEAN Operation Protection Act (No.2) B.E.2558

<sup>3</sup> Section 5 has been amended by the ASEAN Operation Protection Act (No.2) B.E.2558

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(1) ASEAN shall be regarded and respected as an international organization at the governmental level and as a juristic person and shall be domiciled in Thailand;

(2) ASEAN, premises, properties, assets, all patterns of communication and official documents of ASEAN, the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, personnel of the Secretariat of ASEAN, experts on missions for ASEAN, permanent mission, on-duty staff of ASEAN and staff of member states, shall be given with privileges and protection as specified in the Charter and Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of ASEAN, signed by the Thai Government on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009; provided that during the performance of duties in Thailand or entry into Thailand for performance of duties or mission relating to ASEAN or acting on behalf of ASEAN in Thailand.

**Section 6** The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall take charge under this Act.

Counter-Signature:

Mr. Somchai Wongsawat

Prime Minister

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**Note:-** Reason for promulgation of this Act: Whereas, the Thai Government signed the ASEAN Charter on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007, and such Charter has required that all member states shall give necessary immunities and privileges for performance of duties to ASEAN, the Secretary-General of ASEAN, personnel of the Secretariat of ASEAN, permanent mission of member states to ASEAN and staff of member states; therefore, for protection of ASEAN operation in Thailand, it is necessary to enact this Act.

The ASEAN Operation Protection Act (No.2) B.E.2558<sup>4</sup>

**Section 2** This Act shall come into force as from the date following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

**Note:-** Reason for promulgation of this Act: Whereas, the Thai Government signed the ASEAN Charter on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007, and enacted the ASEAN Operation Protection Act B.E. 2551. The Thai Government later signed the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009, which was Thailand significant obligation to take additional actions for protection from those prescribed in ASEAN Charter; and it was prescribed that privileges and immunities shall be given to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations or generally called “ASEAN” and for conformity in other cases; and it is expedient to amend the ASEAN Operation Protection Act B.E. 2551; therefore, it is necessary to enact this Act.

Prepared by: Vichapong  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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<sup>1</sup> The Government Gazette, Volume 132 Section 113A, Page 1 dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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