

Unofficial Translation

The Head of the National Council for Peace and Order

Order No. 27/2559

Measures to Prevent and Solve the Problems from the Launching of Rockets, Fireworks, Circular Fireworks, Sky Lanterns, Fire Lanterns, Smoke Lanterns or Other Similar Objects

Whereas to solve the problems, prevent the dangers and damages which could occur to the public as a result of launching or performing any specific action to project rockets, fireworks, circular fireworks, sky lanterns, fire lanterns, smoke lanterns, or other similar objects into the airspace. Therefore, it is necessary to prescribe measures to prevent and solve such problems for the peace and order of the Country.

By virtue of Section 44 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (Interim) B.E. 2557 (2014) the Head of the National Council for Peace and Order, with the consent of the National Council for Peace and Order, hereby issue this order as follows:

Clause 1 It shall be prohibited for any person to launch or perform any specific action to project rockets, fireworks, circular fireworks, sky lanterns, fire lanterns, smoke lanterns or other similar objects into the airspace unless received permission from the District Director in Bangkok Metropolitan Administration or from the Chief District Officer in Provinces, whom is in charge of the area intended for the launch or conduct of such action.

The permission criteria for the District Director or Chief District Officer shall be in accordance with the Provincial Announcement issued under Clause 2 or the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration bylaw issued under Clause 4.

Clause 2 Each Province shall issue a Provincial Announcement by the consent of the Provincial Committee and the Provincial Cultural Council to prescribe the measures to prevent and maintain safety and uphold public order in the launch or conduct of any action to project rockets, fireworks, circular fireworks, sky lanterns, fire lanterns, smoke lanterns or other similar objects into the airspace.

Clause 3 The Provincial Announcement under Clause 2 shall at least include the following details;

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(1) the period of time for the launch or conduct of any action, which should be in accordance with the period the ceremonies or local cultural festivities.

(2) the type, size, and quantity of rockets, fireworks, circular fireworks, sky lanterns, fire lanterns, smoke lanterns or other similar objects which will be used to launch or to conduct any action.

(3) the venue of the launch or conduct of any action to project rockets, fireworks, circular fireworks, sky lanterns, fire lanterns, smoke lanterns or other similar objects into the airspace.

(4) measures to prevent gambling.

(5) measures to prevent and maintain safety, and other measures, in order to uphold peace and order, and the safety of the lives and property of the community and the public.

Clause 4 The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration shall issue a Bangkok Metropolitan Administration bylaw to prescribe measures as stipulated under Clause 2 and Clause 3 *mutatis mutandis*.

Clause 5 Whosoever violates Clause 1 or fails to observe the Provincial Announcement under Clause 2 or the Bangkok Metropolitan bylaw under Clause 4 shall be liable for imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or for a fine not exceeding sixty thousand baht or both.

Clause 6 This order shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Ordered on the date of 10th June B.E. 2559 (2016)

General Prayuth Chan-o-cha

The Head of the National Council for Peace and Order

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