

The Announcement of the National Executive Council

No. 253

The National Executive Council has considered that the time restrictions of liquor sales and consumption at the selling places, as well as its penalties for offenders according to the Commodities Control Royal Decree, are not yet appropriate. There shall be a provision allowing the liquor sales and consumption at the selling place during the restricted time for some cases, and new penalties for offenders shall be imposed. Therefore, the Chief of the National Executive Council hereby issues orders as follows:

Clause 1 Repeal:

- (1) Commodities Control Royal Decree (No. 2) B.E. 2495 (1952).
- (2) Commodities Control Royal Decree (No. 5) B.E. 2504 (1961).
- (3) The Announcement of the National Executive Council, No. 46, declared on the 17th day of January B.E. 2515 (1972).

Clause 2 A licensee who is permitted to sell liquor of Category 3 to Category 6 in accordance with the liquor laws, or any person who acts for the benefit of such licensee, is not permitted to sell all kinds of liquor at any other time except from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and from 5:00 p.m. to 0:00 a.m., unless another license is obtained from the Director-General of the Police Department for the Bangkok-Thonburi Metropolitan Area, or from the provincial governor for other provinces.

A person shall not drink any kind of liquor at the place where liquor is sold during the prohibited time to sell the liquor, unless such place is permitted to sell liquor according to paragraph one.

A place where liquor is sold or consumed under the Entertainment Place Act, which is permitted to close after 0:00 a.m., shall act beyond the time as specified under paragraph one and paragraph two only after 0:00 a.m. until closing time.

Regulations, conditions and procedures related to the application of permission, licensing, license display, license renewal, liquor sales of the licensee, and issuance and renewal fees, shall be accordance with the laws prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations.

Clause 3 When it appears that the licensee under this announcement of the National Executive Council:

- (1) Performs the business against the public order or morals, or causes nuisance for others;
- (2) Allows an intoxicated person who acts disturbingly or is unable to control himself, to enter or remain in the licensed premises during the operation time;
- (3) Sells liquor to an intoxicated customer who acts disturbingly or is unable to control himself;
- (4) Sells liquor beyond the selling hours which were permitted in the license;
- (5) Violates the ministerial regulations issued under this announcement of the National Executive Council;

The authorized person who has the power to issue licenses under this announcement of the National Executive Council shall have the power to suspend or terminate a license.

The period of license suspension shall not exceed 30 days per time.

Clause 4 Whoever violates Clause 2, paragraph one, or sells liquor during the prohibited time or during the period of license suspension according to Clause 3, shall be punished with imprisonment of a period not exceeding two years, or fined an amount not exceeding four thousand Baht, or both.

Clause 5 Whoever violates Clause 2, paragraph two, or the ministerial regulations issued under this announcement of the National Executive Council, shall be punished with imprisonment of a period not exceeding one month, or fined an amount not exceeding one thousand Baht, or both.

Clause 6 The Minister of Interior shall act according to this announcement of the National Executive Council, and shall have power to issue the ministerial regulation in order to comply with this announcement of the National Executive Council.

The ministerial regulation shall become effective once it is announced in the Government Gazette.

Clause 7¹ This announcement of the National Executive Council shall become effective on the following day after the day it is announced in the Government Gazette.

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Chief of the National Executive Council

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