(Unofficial Translation)

NOTIFICATION OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
RE: LIST OF PATHOGENS INTENDED TO BE CONTROLLED UNDER SECTION 18 (NO. 3)
B.E. 2563 (2020)

Since the World Health Organization reported the pandemic of the coronavirus 2019 and patients infected by the virus were found in several countries including Thailand and the World Health Organization declared that the pandemic constitutes a public health emergency of international concern in order to urge governments around the world to increase measures to prevent the spread of the virus, as a result, to control the virus, it is expedient to determine the coronavirus 2019 as a pathogen that needs to be controlled according to the Pathogens and Animal Toxins Act B.E. 2558 (2015).

By the virtue of Section 5 Paragraph one and Section 6 (1) and Section 18 of the Pathogens and Animal Toxins Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification following the advice of the Pathogens and Animal Toxins Committee as follows:

Clause 1 The V-2-0026 pathogen code in the attachment to the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: List of Pathogens Intended to be Controlled under Section 18 B.E. 2561 (2018) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

Codes	Pathogens	Group	Pathogenicity	Additional information
Virus				
V-2-0026	Coronavirus	2	Human and animal	Except Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) coronavirus, Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) coronavirus and Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)

Clause 2 The following shall be the V-3-0135 pathogen code after V-2-0134 pathogen code as in the attachment to the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: List of Pathogens Intended to be Controlled under Section 18 B.E. 2561 (2018).

Codes	Pathogens	Group	Pathogenicity	Additional information
Virus				
V-3-0135	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)	3*	Human and animal	

Clause 3 The conditions after the list of viruses as in the attachment to the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: List of Pathogens Intended to be Controlled under Section 18 B.E. 2561 (2018) shall be repealed and replaced with the following:

"Conditions

3* means Group 3 Viruses having additional conditions as follows:

1. Disease diagnosis without culture shall be conducted in Operational Site Level 2 and strictly comply with good microbiological practice.

2. Disease diagnosis using molecularbiology method shall be conducted in Operational Site Level 2 Enhanced (biosafety level 2 enhanced: BSL-2 enhanced) as specified in the

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notifications issued under Section 6 (4) except Human immunodeficiency virus, Human T-lymphotropic virus and Rabies virus which shall comply with the condition in 1.

3. Culture shall be conducted in Operational Site Level 3 except Human immunodeficiency virus and Rabies virus which shall be conducted in Operational Site Level 2 Enhanced (biosafety level 2 enhanced: BSL-2 enhanced) as specified in the notifications issued under Section 6 (4). Culture of more than 30 milliliters shall be conducted in Operational Site Level 3."

Clause 4 This notification shall come into force on the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Notified on the 25th day of day February B.E. 2563 (2020)
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Minister of Public Health

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