

**NOTIFICATION OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
RE: MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS PROCESSES OR POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION PROCESSES
IN RELATION TO PATHOGENS AND ANIMAL TOXINS
B.E.2560 (2017)**

Whereas it is expedient to define the criteria, procedures, and conditions relating to medical diagnosis processes or post-mortem examination processes in relation to pathogens and animal toxins;

By virtue of section 5 paragraph one, section 6 (7), and section 27 paragraph two of the Pathogens and Animal Toxins Act B.E.2558 (2015), the Minister of Public Health by the advice of the Pathogens and Animal Toxins Committee, hereby issues the Notification as follows:

Clause 1 This Notification is called the “Notification of Ministry of Public Health Re: Medical Diagnosis Processes or Post-Mortem Examination Processes in Relation to Pathogens and Animal Toxins B.E.2560 (2017)”.

Clause 2 This Notification shall come into force after the expiration of one hundred and eighty days from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Clause 3 In this Notification:

“medical diagnosis process” means laboratory tests and collection of samples relating to pathogens or animal toxins and shall include to have in possession of samples suspected or infected by pathogens or animal toxins as necessary for testing, re-testing, verification testing, additional analyses for the purposes of medical and public health investigation, or legal action;

Collection of samples in medical diagnosis processes, namely collection, sampling, transportation and management of samples in the medical diagnosis processes in accordance with biosafety and biosecurity guidelines;

“post-mortem examination process” means laboratory tests and collection of samples relating to pathogens or animal toxins in relation to post-mortem examination processes or animal remains examination processes;

Collection of samples in post-mortem examination processes and animal remains examination processes namely collection, sampling, transportation and management in the post-mortem examination process or animal remains examination process in accordance with biosafety and biosecurity guidelines.

Clause 4 Medical diagnosis processes or post-mortem examination processes to which the law has already applied shall be in accordance with such other law.

Clause 5 In the case where pathogens or animal toxins are detected from samples from medical diagnosis processes or post-mortem examination processes shall destroy or hand over the detected pathogens or animal toxins from such medical diagnosis processes or post-mortem examination processes in accordance with the Notifications issued under section 6 (15).

The provision of paragraph one shall not apply to the case of having in possession in medical diagnosis processes or post-mortem examination processes.

(Unofficial Translation)

Clause 6 In the case of intention to utilize the detected pathogens or animal toxins under Clause 5 for production, export, sale, or possession, a person shall operate as follows:

- (1) Group 1 Pathogens, required to comply with section 20;
- (2) Group 2 Pathogens or Group 1 Animal Toxins, required to comply with section 21;
- (3) Group 3 Pathogens or Group 2 Animal Toxins, required to comply with section 22.

Clause 7 If Group 4 Pathogens or Group 3 Animal Toxins are detected in the samples under Clause 5, the Director-General of Department of Medical Sciences shall be notified immediately within twenty-four hours.

In case of intention to keep for the purpose of studies and research, a person shall operate in accordance with the Notifications under section 6 (10).

Notified on the 30th day of October B.E.2560 (2017)

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