

**NOTIFICATION OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**RE: COLLECTION OF SAMPLES FROM DRUGS, FOOD, HEALTH PRODUCTS, ENVIRONMENT OR**  
**LABORATORY ANALYSIS FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED TO PATHOGENS**  
**AND ANIMAL TOXINS, B.E. 2560 (2017)**

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Whereas it is expedient to prescribe the Collection of Samples from drugs, food, health products, environment, or laboratory analysis for the benefit of medical and public health related to pathogens and animal toxins;

By the virtue of the provisions of Section 5 paragraph one, Section 6 (8) and Section 27 paragraph two of the Pathogens and Animal Toxins Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), the Minister of Public Health with the advice of Pathogens and Animal Toxins Committee hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1 This notification is called Notification of the Ministry of Public Health entitled " Collection of Samples from Drugs, Food, Health Products, Environment or Laboratory Analysis for the Benefit of Medical and Public Health Related 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 The collection of samples from drugs, food, health products, environment, or laboratory analysis for the benefit of medical and public health related to pathogens and animal toxins as enforced by the applicable laws, rules, regulations, notification, it shall be complied with the laws on that matter.

Clause 4 In the case of no other law specifically stipulated resulting in the inability to proceed under Clause 3, then the criteria, methods, and conditions for the collection of samples from drugs, food, environmental health products or laboratory analysis must be in accordance with the medical laboratory standards of the Ministry of Public Health only in the relevant parts, which must contain at least the following details:

- (1) Sampling method, testing, analyzing test results
- (2) Data recording, reporting after sampling or analysis, and record keeping
- (3) Elimination of contaminants and waste from operations and equipment maintenance
- (4) Biosafety measures of sampler and samples analyzer

Clause 5 In the event that pathogens or animal toxins are found from samples of drug, food, health products, environment or laboratory analyzes, such pathogens or animal toxins shall be destroyed according to the notification issued under Section 6 (15).

Clause 6 If there is an intention to utilize pathogens or animal toxins found in Clause 5 for production, export, sale or possession, the following actions shall be taken:

- (1) Group 1 Pathogens: Must comply with Section 20
- (2) Group 2 Pathogens or Group 1 Animal Toxins: Must comply with Section 21
- (3) Group 3 Pathogens or Group 2 Animal Toxins: Must comply with Section 22

Clause 7 In the event that there is a detection of Group 4 Pathogens or Group 3 Animal Toxins in the samples under Clause 5, notify the Director-General of the Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health as soon as practicable or within a period of twenty-four hours.

(Unofficial Translation)

If there is an intention to keep it for research purposes, it shall be done in accordance with the notification issued under Section 6 (10).

Notified on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October B.E. 2560 (2017)

Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn  
The Minister of Public Health

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