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Report Highlights:

On September 11, 2018, the Thai Excise Department issued a new Excise Department Notification, which extends the timeline for the full implementation of the Certificate of Analysis (COA) requirements for alcoholic beverages by an additional 180 days.

General Information:**Thai Government Grants Another Extension on the Full Implementation of COA**

On September 11, 2018, the Thai Excise Department issued a new Excise Department Notification, which extends the timeline for full implementation of the new Certificate of Analysis (COA) requirements by an additional 180 days. The full COA requirements mandate that importers of alcoholic beverages submit COA documentation or samples for COA testing and receive the results before applying for an import permit. Under the new notification, until March 14, 2019, the Excise Department will allow samples of alcoholic beverages (or COA documentation) to be submitted within 30 days from the day that the product is imported. The COA and sample submission requirements that Post provided in report [TH8046](#) remain valid. An unofficial translation of this notification is provided below.

Excise Department Notification

**Re: Extension of the Implementation Period to be in Compliance with the Excise Tax Act B.E. 2560 (2017)
(No 3)**

As the Excise Department issued the Excise Department Notification Re: Extension of the Implementation Period to be in Compliance with the Excise Tax Act B.E. 2560 (2017) (No. 2) dated March 14, 2018,

There is a necessary circumstance to extend the implementation period for any person who intends to import alcoholic beverages to the Kingdom as per the Excise Tax Act B.E. 2560 (2017). By virtue of provisions in the second phrase of Section 8 of the Excise Tax Act B.E. 2560 (2017) and Ministry of Finance Notification Re: Criteria and Conditions for the Postponement or Extension According to the Excise Tax Act B.E. 2560 (2017) dated September 16, 2017, the Director General of the Excise Department issues this additional notification as follow:

Clause 1 Repeal Clause 5 of the Excise Department Re: Extension of the Implementation Period to be in Compliance with the Excise Tax Act B.E. 2560 (2017) (No. 2) dated March 14, 2018 and use the following statement

“Clause 5 Extend the time-limit for the submission of samples of alcohol beverage to be imported into the Kingdom or provide a Certificate of Analysis as per Clause 5 (2) of the Ministerial Rule regarding the Permission to Import Alcohol Beverage into the Kingdom B.E. 2560 by allowing samples of the alcoholic beverage or Certificate of Analysis to be submitted within 30 days from the day the alcoholic beverage is imported into the Kingdom. The extension applies to any request for the importation of alcoholic beverages into the Kingdom submitted prior to March 14 B.E. 2562 (2019)”.

Clause 2 This notification shall be effective on the announcement date of this regulation.

Notified on September 11 B.E. 2561 (2018)

Mr. Krisada Chinavicharana
Director General of the Excise Department

End of Report.