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### **Thai Government Extends Timeline for Implementation of COA Again**

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**Report Highlights:**

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## **Thai Government Extends Timeline for Implementation of COA Again**

On March 12, 2019, the Thai Excise Department issued a new Excise Department Notification, which extends by one hundred eighty days (six months) the timeline for full implementation of the new Certificate of Analysis (COA) requirement. The COA requirement mandates that importers of alcoholic beverages submit COA documentation or submit samples for COA testing and receive the results before applying for an import permit. Under the new notification, until September 14, 2019, the Excise Department will allow samples of alcohol beverages (or COA documentation) to be submitted within 30 days from the day that the product is imported. Further details of the COA requirement can be found in [FAS Bangkok GAIN report TH8046](#).

An unofficial translation of the 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 5)**

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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. 3) dated September 11, 2018,

Circumstances necessitate the extension of 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 the 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. 3) dated September 11, 2018 and use the following statement

“Clause 5 Extend the time-limit for the submission of alcohol beverage samples to be imported into the Kingdom or provide 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 alcohol beverage or Certificate of Analysis to be submitted within 30 days from the day the alcohol beverage is imported into the Kingdom. The extension applies to any request for the importation of alcohol beverages into the Kingdom submitted prior to September 14 B.E. 2562 (2019)”.

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

Notified on March 12 B.E. 2562 (2019)

Mr. Patchara Anantasilp  
Director General of the Excise Department

**End of Report.**