

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

Re: Identification of types or names of public places, work places and vehicles, entirely or in part, as non-smoking areas or smoking areas in non-smoking areas

B.E. 2561

Pursuant to Article 5 Paragraph 1 and Article 41 of the Tobacco Products Control Act B.E. 2560, the Ministry of Public Health, in accordance with the recommendation of the National Tobacco Products Control Committee, hereby prescribes the followings.

1. This Notification shall be called "Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Identification of types or names of public places, work places and vehicles, entirely or in part, as non-smoking areas or smoking areas in non-smoking areas B.E. 2561".

2. This Notification shall be enforced after 90 days, counting from the day of its announcement in the government gazette.

3. The following places shall be designated as public places with health protection for non-smokers. All spaces and areas used in conducting the business of these places, inside and outside their buildings, structures or edifices, and areas designated for common use, whether enclosed or not, including spaces within 5 metres from the entrances-exits to these places, shall be identified as non-smoking areas.

(3.1) Public health service and health promotion facilities

(3.1.1) Clinics, multidisciplinary clinics, hospital, and health facilities in accordance with the Health Facility Act

(3.1.2) Clinics, animal hospitals, and animal care facilities in accordance with the Animal Clinic Act

(3.1.3) Health centres, health promotion hospitals, and all health facilities

(3.2) Educational institutions or places for learning and training

(3.2.1) Pre-school child care centres

(3.2.2) Educational institutions below tertiary level

(3.2.3) Tutorial schools; educational institutions for sports, music, voice, acting, self-defence, art, languages; and other places that conduct similar activities

(3.3) Other public places

(3.3.1) Places that provide care or shelter to children or youth; or associations, foundations, or other places that conduct similar activities

(3.3.2) Playgrounds or other places that provide the same services to children

In case a place in Paragraph 1 has a clear entrance-exit, measurement of the 5-metre distance shall start from the edge of both sides of the entrance-exit, and moving away 5 metres, in accordance with Figure 1 at the end of this Notification.

In case a place in Paragraph 1 does not have a clear entrance-exit or can be entered/exited from all directions, measurement of the 5-metre distance shall start from the edge of the main entrance-exit that the operator designates as the entrance-exit, and moving away 5 metres.

4. The following places shall be designated as public places with health protection for non-smokers. All spaces and areas used in conducting the business of these places, inside and outside their buildings, structures or edifices, and areas designated for common use, whether enclosed or not, shall be identified as non-smoking areas.

(4.1) Health businesses

(4.1.1) Thai massage or traditional massage businesses

(4.1.2) Heat, steam, or herbal steam therapy businesses

(4.1.3) Health spa, health massage, and beauty massage businesses; or any business under the Health Establishment Act

(4.2) Educational institutions or places for learning and training

(4.2.1) Vocational training facilities, learning parks, and learning centres

(4.2.2) Art centres, museums, or art and culture exhibition centres

(4.2.3) Public libraries or people's libraries

(4.3) Public places for common use

(4.3.1) Places for exercise or sport, both indoor and outdoor

(4.3.1.1) Sports fields, sports centres, or places for sports competition

(4.3.1.2) Grandstands or places for watching sports

(4.3.1.3) Gymnasiums, fitness centres, yoga centres and places for exercise

(4.3.1.4) Golf driving ranges

4.3.1.5) Swimming pools

(4.3.2) Service venues, shops and entertainment venues

(4.3.2.1) Petrol stations, natural gas stations, LPG stations, and other fuel service stations under the Fuel Control Act

(4.3.2.2) Banks or financial institutions, automated teller machines, or automated machines that provide financial services

(4.3.2.3) Places that sell food, beverage, or food and beverage with air conditioning

(4.3.2.4) Beauty clinics or places that provide beauty services

(4.3.2.5) Car repair garages, car centres, or places that provide services for cars, motorcycles and bicycles

(4.3.2.6) Carpark buildings, Park-and-Ride buildings, and temporary carpark buildings

(4.3.2.7) Shops that sell consumer goods and pharmacies

(4.3.2.8) Hair salons; tailors; laundry services or shops; venues or locations that provide self-laundry service; or shops, venues or locations that provide other services

(4.3.2.9) Theatres, playhouses, cinemas, or temporary venues for hosting performance

(4.3.2.10) Places that provide computer services, internet services, or all types of games

(4.3.2.11) Places that provide karaoke, or other entertainment venues that provide the same services, and other places of entertainment according to the Place of Entertainment Act

(4.3.3) Other public places

(4.3.3.1) Religious places, places of worship, or places for conducting ceremonies according to religions, beliefs and denominations

(4.3.3.2) Places that provide care or shelter to women, elders, or disabled persons; or associations, foundations, or other places that conduct similar activities

(4.3.3.3) Places that provide care or shelter to animals; or associations, foundations, or other places that conduct similar activities

(4.3.3.4) Public parks, zoos, fun parks, and water parks

(4.3.3.5) Places for hosting exhibition, meeting, training, or conference

(4.3.3.6) Places for hosting parties or recreational activities

(4.3.3.7) Markets, flea markets, floating markets, walking street markets, or places for vendors to gather to display and sell goods and services, whether daily, at regular schedules or on occasional basis

(4.3.3.8) Rooms, containers, or vehicles that provide public toilet services

(4.3.3.9) Public phone booths or places that offer public phone services

(4.3.3.10) Elevators at all types of public places

(4.4) Vehicles and vehicle waiting areas

(4.4.1) Public vehicles in service, with and without passengers

(4.4.1.1) Scheduled public buses

(4.4.1.2) Taxis and personnel vehicles that provide the same services

(4.4.1.3) Motorcycle taxis or tricycle taxis

(4.4.1.4) Public vans

(4.4.1.5) School buses and all type of vehicles used for transporting students

(4.4.1.6) Vehicles used for transporting employees, staff, and workers of government offices, state enterprises, other government agencies, and the private sector

(4.4.1.7) Passenger transport trucks

(4.4.1.8) Horse-drawn carriages or other vehicles that are animal powered

(4.4.1.9) Cable cars

(4.4.1.10) Passenger boats, cruise ships, passenger ferries, or car ferries

(4.4.1.11) Emergency vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, or other vehicles authorized by the Police Commissioner General to use emergency light, siren or any other noise signals

(4.4.1.12) Trains, sky trains, subway trains, or trams

(4.4.1.13) Planes, aircrafts, or zeppelins

(4.4.1.14) Other public vehicles, both scheduled and unscheduled

(4.4.2) Vehicle waiting areas or other similar places used to wait for public vehicles, which are not situated at a transport terminal

(4.4.2.1) Bus stops and areas within 3 metres of the stop, measured from the pole or the edge of the waiting area, whatever the case may be

(4.4.2.2) Piers or wharfs

(4.4.2.3) Waiting areas for passengers of vans, taxis, minibuses, tricycles, and motorcycles

5. The following places shall be designated as public places with health protection for non-smokers. All spaces and areas used in conducting the business of these places, inside and outside their buildings, structures or edifices, and areas designated for common use, whether enclosed or not, shall be identified as non-smoking areas. However, specific smoking areas can be arranged outside the buildings, structures or edifices.

(5.1) Tertiary educational institutions

(5.2) Government offices, state enterprises, or other government agencies

(5.3) Airports

6. The following places shall be designated as public places with health protection for non-smokers. Only the identified areas, including all areas measured 5 metres from the identified areas, or from the doors, windows, entrances-exits, air ducts or passages are designated as non-smoking areas.

(6.1) Areas inside buildings, structures or edifices and rooftops of:

(6.1.1) Shopping malls or shopping centres

(6.1.2) Private offices

(6.1.3) Factories or workplaces that conduct manufacturing activities

(6.1.4) Golf courses

(6.1.5) Historic parks, parks, or national parks; archaeological sites; botanical gardens; outdoor museums; and monuments

(6.2) Areas inside buildings or structures and rooftops; areas underneath a roof; and platforms of:

(6.2.1) Transport terminals

(6.2.2) Train stations, sky train stations, subway train stations, or tram stations

(6.2.3) Passenger boat piers

(6.3) Waiting halls, rooms, or places for common use; and walk-ways inside structures or edifices of:

(6.3.1) Suites or condominiums

(6.3.2) Rental rooms, dormitories, mansions, apartments, courts, or other places that provide the same services

(6.3.3) Hotels, resorts, homestays, or vacation homes that provide the same services

(6.4) Areas that sell or serve food, beverage, or food and beverage of a place that sells food, beverage, or food and beverage, with no air-conditioning

Measurement of the 5-metre distance shall start from the identified areas or from doors, windows, entrances-exits, air ducts or passages, and moving away 5 metres in accordance with Figure 2 at the end of this Notification.

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Figure 1

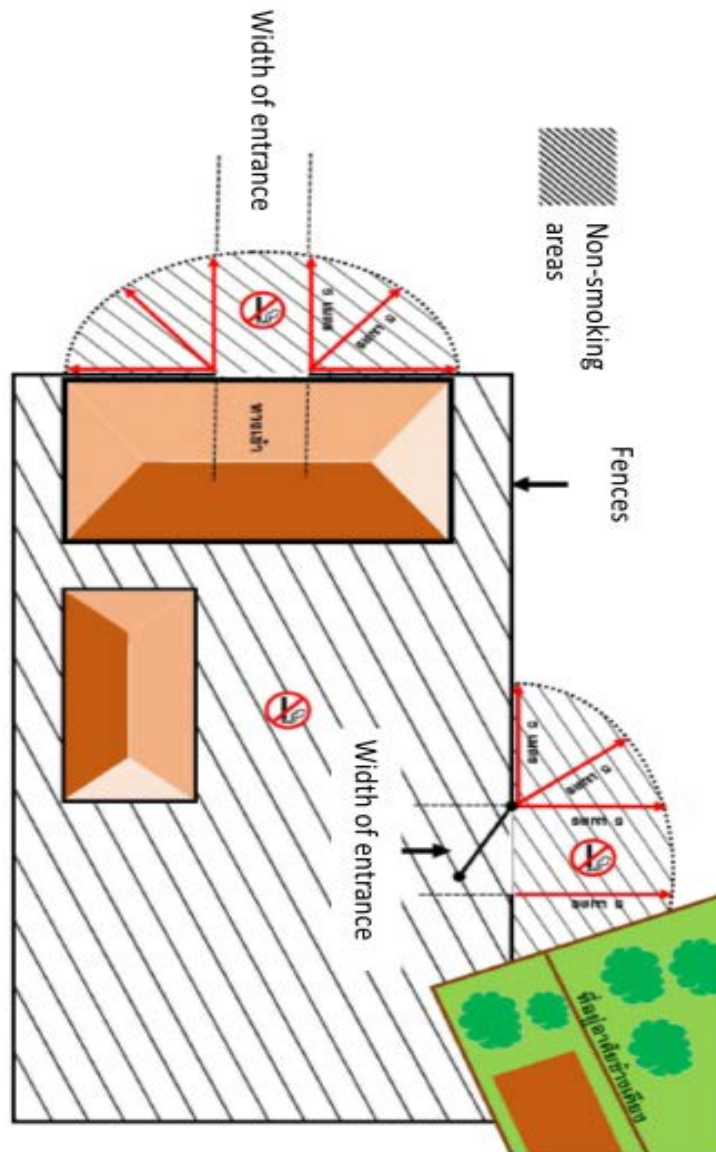


Figure 2

