

(Unofficial Translation)

Order of the Prime Minister

No. 4 /2563

Re : Appointment of Supervisors, Chief Officials and Competent Officials
Responsible for Remediating the Emergency Situation

Pursuant to the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand as from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020);

By virtue of Section 7 paragraphs three, four and six and Section 15 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), the Prime Minister hereby issues the following order:

1. The Prime Minister shall be the Supervisor to Chief Officials responsible for remediating the emergency situation, competent officials, and relevant government agencies in exercising functions in accordance with the Declaration of an Emergency Situation.

2. The Deputy Prime Ministers shall be Assistant Supervisors to the Prime Minister in the order that they serve as Acting Prime Minister in accordance with the existing Order of the Office of the Prime Minister, and perform tasks as authorised by the Prime Minister.

3. (1) The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Health shall be Chief Official responsible for remediating the emergency situation on matters related to public health in all areas throughout the Kingdom;

(2) The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior shall be Chief Official responsible for remediating the emergency situation on matters related to the command of and coordination with Provincial Governors and the Governor of Bangkok;

(3) The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce shall be Chief Official responsible for remediating the emergency situation on matters related to the control of goods;

(4) The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be Chief Official responsible for remediating the emergency situation on matters related to foreign affairs and the protection and assistance of Thai Nationals abroad;

(5) The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society shall be Chief Official responsible for remediating the emergency situation on matters related to telecommunications and online social media;

(6) The Supreme Commander shall be Chief Official responsible for remediating the emergency situation on matters related to security;

(7) The Secretary-General of the National Security Council, the Secretary-General to the Prime Minister, the Secretary-General of the Council of Ministers, and the Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister shall be General Coordinators;

4. The Chief Officials responsible for remediating the emergency situation referred to in Clause 3 shall have the duties and powers to remedy the emergency situation as prescribed in

the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) for matters under their responsibility and shall have the duties and powers as follows:

(1) command and order relevant government agencies and government officials as well as competent officials in performing functions under their responsibility in accordance with the law, only on matters related to the prevention and remedy of the COVID-19 problem; and

(2) perform any other functions as assigned by the Prime Minister.

In cases where there is an overlap of responsibilities or a problem occurs in execution, the Chief Officials responsible for remedying the emergency situation or the General Coordinators shall consult with each other or shall report to the Prime Minister for an order of a prompt resolution.

5. Police officers, military officers and civil servants, who perform duties or are assigned to perform duties in areas pursuant to the Declaration of an Emergency Situation, shall be competent officials in accordance with the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005).

Competent officials shall have the duties and powers to act in accordance with the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) including Regulations, Notifications and Orders issued under the aforementioned Emergency Decree, and shall be competent officials with duties and powers under laws which have been transferred to the duties and powers of the Prime Minister, unless otherwise ordered by the Prime Minister.

The performance of duties by competent officials under paragraph one shall be as stipulated by the Chief Official responsible for remedying the emergency situation or the designated person.

6. Chief Officials responsible for remedying the emergency situation and competent officials shall be officials under the Penal Code, and shall have the same duties and powers as administrative officers or police officers under the Criminal Procedure Code, except for the power to investigate which can only be exercised by competent officials that are police officers with the rank of Police Sub-Lieutenant or higher, military officers with the rank of Sub-Lieutenant or Pilot Officers or higher, or civil servants at the practitioner level or higher.

This Order shall come into effect from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020).

Issued on 25 March B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister