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Highlights:

- Thai customs also consider "electric cigarette" as prohibited item.
- Wooden products are considered as restricted item which need to get the permission from the Department of Agriculture

Thailand Import Prohibited Goods

Prohibited Goods are goods for which either the import into or export out of Thailand are prohibited. Any person imports or exports prohibited goods is considered as committing offences and subject to penalties indicated in the relevant national legislation. It is prohibited by law to bring the following items:

- Obscene objects/literature/pictures
- Pornographic materials
- Goods with Thai national flag
- Narcotics e.g., marijuana, hemp, opium, cocaine, morphine, heroin
- Fake currency, bonds, or coins
- Fake Royal Seals/official seals
- IPR infringing goods e.g. musical tape, CD, VDO, computer software, etc.
- Counterfeit trademark goods

Prohibited products listed by Foreign Trade Department of Thailand:

No.	Description & HS Code	Notification	Reason	Responsible Agency
1	Electrical and	- Notification of the	To protect public moral and national security	Department of Foreign
	mechanical operating game	Ministry of Commerce on the importation of	and national security	Trade
	(HS. 9504.30.00,	Electrical and mechanical		
	9504.90.31, 9504.90.91,	operating games, dated 19		
	9504.90.20, 9504.90.39)	July B.E. 2548		
2	Household refrigerator,	- Notification of the	To protect human	Department
	Combined refrigerator	Ministry of Commerce on	health and	of Foreign
	and freezer utilizing	the import prohibition of	environment	Trade
	CFCs in the production	Household refrigerator,		
	process	Combined refrigerator-		
		freezers utilizing CFC in the		
		production process, dated		



		13 March B.E. 2549		
3	Used engine, parts and accessories of motorcycle of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cc. and wheels with diameters not over 10 inches (HS. 72.04, 76.02, 8407.31, 8714.19)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 129), dated 9 September B.E. 2541	To protect human health and national security	Department of Foreign Trade
4	Retreated or used pneumatic tyre of rubber and its waste and scrap (HS. 4012.11.00, 4012.20.10, 4012.12.90, 4212.20.20, 4012.20.29, 4012.19.20, 4012.20.50, 4012.19.10, 4012.20.40, 4001.00.00)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the import prohibition of Retreated or used pneumatic tyre of rubber, dated 23 May B.E. 2546	To protect human health and environment	Department of Foreign Trade
5	Rough diamond from or originated in Sierra Leone	 Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 141), dated 22 June B.E. 2544 	To comply with the UN Resolution	Department of Foreign Trade
6	Log and sawn wood which are made of teak tree, rubber tree or forbidden tree from the border of Tak and Kanchanaburi provinces	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the import prohibition of log and sawn wood which are made of teak tree, rubber tree or forbidden tree from the border of Tak and Kanchanaburi provinces, dated 29 November B.E. 2548	To prevent the illegal logging and conserve natural resources	Department of Foreign Trade
7	Ceramic ware and Enamel ware (food container)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on importing Ceramic ware and Enamel ware as prohibited goods or goods which are required for Health Certification, dated 8 August B.E. 2551	To protect human health	Department of Foreign Trade



8	Goods by deceptive	- Notification of the	To protect intellectual	Department
0	, ,			of
	practice	Ministry of Commerce on	property and national	-
		the export and import of	financial security	Intellectual
		goods, dated 14 October		Property
		B.E. 2530		
9	Copyrights-infringing	- Notification of the	To protect intellectual	Department
	cassette tape, audio,	Ministry of Commerce on	property and national	of
	compact disc, video	the export and import of	financial security	Intellectual
	tape, computer	goods (No.94)and (No.95),		Property
	program and book	dated 21 April B.E. 2536		
10	All types of arm, military	- Notification of the	To comply with the UN	Department
	vehicle, hardware and	Ministry of Commerce on	Resolution.	of Foreign
	spare part export to or	the export and import all		Trade
	import from Democratic	types of arms, military		
	People's Republic of	vehicles, hardware and		
	Korea	spare parts to or from		
		Democratic People's		
		Republic of Korea dated 20		
		February B.E. 2550		
11	All types of arm, military	- Notification of the	To comply with the UN	Department
	vehicle, hardware and	Ministry of Commerce on	Resolution	of Foreign
	spare part export to or	the export and import all	Resolution	Trade
	import from Islamic	types of arms, military		Trade
	•	vehicles, hardware and		
	Republic of Iran	,		
		spare parts to or from		
		Islamic Republic of Iran		
		dated 20 February B.E.		
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Thailand Import Restricted Goods

Restricted Goods are goods of which the imports and exports are restricted by law and therefore require a permit from the related government agencies. Any person imports or exports restricted goods is considered as committing offences and subject to penalties indicated in the relevant national legislation.

The Ministry of Commerce designates classes of goods that are subject to import controls, which usually take the form of permission and licensing. Although these controls are being liberalized, at present more than 50 classes of goods require import licenses from the Ministry of Commerce. These categories are frequently changed through notifications of the Ministry of Commerce. A license to import any of the



restricted items must be obtained from the Ministry of Commerce prior to importation. Application for the license must be accompanied by a supplier's order, confirmation, invoice, and other pertinent documents.

In addition to the Act imposing the above controls, a number of goods are also subject to import controls under or other relevant agencies. These include:

- The import of drugs, foods, and supplementary products requires prior licensing from the Food and Drug Administration, the Ministry of Health.
- The import or export of antiques or objects of art, whether registered or not, requires permission from the Fine Arts Department.
- The imports of weapons and ammunition, explosives, fireworks and real and replica firearms requires appropriate license from the Ministry of Interior. Other weapons such as electric shock devices must also be declared. Some of these items may require a permit, before importation.
- The Cosmetic Act stipulates that for the purpose of protection of public health, any importer of controlled cosmetics must provide the name and location of the office and the place of manufacture or storage of the cosmetics, the category, or kind of cosmetics to be imported, and the major components of the cosmetics.
- The import of wild fauna, flora, fish and other aquatic fauna requires permission from the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department, the Department of Agriculture, or the Department of Fishery as the case may be.
- Mini PC TV boxes
- Printer filament
- Walkie talkies
- Breast pump
- Green coffee bean
- Medical equipment
- Drone
- Tabacco nicotine free
- HD home run connect
- Car camera

Thai Customs is charged to stop the importation and exportation of prohibited goods. In addition, it is also designated to intercept the importation and exportation of restricted goods, ensuring that all relevant laws and regulations are followed properly. The comprehensive list of prohibited and restricted goods as well as information about the control and, in the case of restricted goods, to permission to import, may be obtained from **the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce.**

Restricted products listed by Foreign Trade Department Thailand:

No.	Description & HS Code	Notification	Reason	Responsible Agency
1	Some kinds of drug,	- Notification of the	- To protect human	Food and
	chemical,	Ministry of Commerce on	health and	Drug



	pharmaceutical product	the importation of drug,	- For national economic	Administrati
	and its salts	chemical, pharmaceutical	security	on
		product and its salts,	security	011
		dated 22 May B.E. 2545		
2	Clenbuterol compound	- Notification of the	To protect human	Food and
2	and its salts (HS.	Ministry of Commerce on	health and life in swine	Drug
	2922.19.90)	the importation of goods	consumption	Administrati
	2522.15.50	(No. 107), dated 17 March	consumption	on
		B.E. 2538		011
3	Albuterol or Salbutamol	- Notification of the	To protect human	Food and
	and its salts (HS.	Ministry of Commerce on	health and life in swine	Drug
	2922.509)	the importation of	consumption	Administrati
	,	Albuterol or Salbutamol		on
		and its salts, dated 29		-
		March B.E. 2545		
4	Unfinished garment,	- Notification of the	For statistical	Department
	part or component	Ministry of Commerce on	information purpose	of Foreign
	except collar, cuff,	the importation of goods		Trade
	waist, band pocket and	(No. 75), dated 16 March		
	cuff for trouser	B.E. 2533		
5	Marble and building	- Notification of the	To administer the	Department
	stone (HS. 25.15,	Ministry of Commerce on	importation and	of Foreign
	6802.21.00, 6802.23.00,	the importation of Stone,	utilization of Marble	Trade
	6802.29.00)	dated 16 June B.E. 2551	and building Stone	
6	Used motor car, other	- Notification of the	To protect human life,	Department
	motor vehicle and	Ministry of Commerce on	public health and	of Foreign
	motor vehicle for	the importation of goods	environment	Trade
	special purposes	(No. 50), dated 9 April B.E.		
	(HS. 87.01, 87.03, 87.04,	2512		
	87.05)	- Notification of the		
		Ministry of Commerce on		
		the importation of goods		
		(No. 66), dated 4 January		
		B.E. 2515		
		- Notification of the		
		Ministry of Commerce on		
		the importation of goods		
		(No. 85), dated 30 August		
7	Used motorcycles	B.E. 2534 - Notification of the	- To protect human	Department
	(HS 87.11)	Ministry of Commerce on	health	of Foreign
	(115 07.11)	the importation of goods	- For security reasons	Trade
		(No. 113), dated 25 April		Trace
		B.E. 2539		
		D.E. 2339		



8	Used six-wheeled buses	- Notification of the	To protect human life,	Department
0	having 30 seats or more	Ministry of Commerce on the importation of Used six-wheeled buses having 30 seats or more, dated 5 April B.E. 2547	public health and environment	of Foreign Trade
9	Used diesel engines displacement of 331- 1,100 cc (HS. 8408.90)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 130), dated 9 September B.E. 2541	- To protect human health - For security reasons	Department of Foreign Trade
10	Gold	 Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 28), dated 28 March B.E. 2505 	 To monitor domestic consumption For national financial security 	Ministry of Finance
11	Coin which size and weight is similar to the official coin	 Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 93), dated 31 March B.E. 2536 	To prevent perceptive practice	Ministry of Finance
12	Antique idol and parts thereof and parts of ancient monument	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of Antique idols originated in foreign country, dated 11 November B.E. 2547	To protect national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value	The Fine Arts Department
13	Machinery and parts thereof which can be used to violate copyrights of cassette tape, video tape, and compact disc	 Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 96), dated 10 June B.E. 2536 	To protect intellectual property	Department of Intellectual Property
14	Intaglio printing machinery and color copier machine (HS. 8443.19.00, 8443.31.10, 8443.31.20, 8443.31.90, 8443.32.90, 8443.39.11, 8443.39.20, 8443.39.30, 8443.39.90)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 131) dated 9 September B.E. 2541	To prevent making of counterfeit bank note	Department of Foreign Trade
15	Waste and scrap of plastic (HS. 39.15)	 Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods 	To protect human health and environment	Department of Industrial Work



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		(No. 112), dated 7 February B.E. 2539		
16	Chainsaw and its accessory (HS. 8467.81, 8467.91, 8508.20 , 8508.90)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 132), dated 9 September B.E. 2541	To conserve natural resources and prevent the illegal logging	Royal Forest Department
17	Fish meal with protein content less than 60%	 Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 72), dated 7 March B.E. 2533 Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 74) dated 7 March B.E. 2533 	To meet standard requirements	Department of Foreign Trade
18	Milk and cream, not concentrated, nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (including flavoured milk) (HS. 0401.10.00, 0401.20.00, 0401.30.00, 2202.90.10, 2202.90.20, 2202.90.30, 2202.90.90) - Unprocessed milk - Ready-to-drink milk	The product items 1-23 are under - Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No.111), dated 26 January B.E. 2539 - Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No.115), dated 2 October B.E. 2539 - Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No.117), dated 12 November B.E. 2539 - Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No.117), dated 12 November B.E. 2539 - Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No.143), dated 23 April B.E. 2546	Imports of product items 1-23 subject to tariff rate quota (TRQs) committed under the WTO Agriculture Agreement in order to protect local farmers and domestic industries to secure local farmers' income and to sustain domestic price	Department of Foreign Trade
19	Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in powder,			



	granules or other solid	
	form, of a fat content,	
	by weight, not	
	exceeding 1.5% (HS.	
	0402.10.30, 4202.10.90)	
20	Potato, fresh or chilled	Department
	(seed and others)	of Foreign
	(HS. 0701.10.00,	Trade
	0701.90.00)	
21	Onion, fresh, chilled,	Department
	dried, whole, cut, sliced,	of Foreign
	broken or in powder,	Trade
	but not further prepared,	
	mixed (HS. 0703.10.11,	
	0703.10.19, 0712.20.00)	
22	Garlic, fresh or chilled,	Department
22	whether or not in	of Foreign
		Trade
	powder (HS.	Trade
	0703.20.10, 0712.20.90,	
-	0712.90.10)	
23	Coconut, fresh or dried	Department
	whether or not chilled	of Foreign
	or pilled including	Trade
	desiccated	
	(HS. 0801.11.00,	
	0801.19.00)	
24	Dried longan	Department
	(HS. 0813.40.10)	of Foreign
		Trade
25	Coffee whether or not	Department
	roasted or decaffeinated;	of Foreign
	coffee husks and skins;	Trade
	coffee substitutes	
	containing coffee in any	
	portion (HS. 0901.11.10,	
	0901.11.90, 0901.12.10,	
	0901.12.90, 0901.21.10,	
	0901.21.20, 0901.22.20,	
	0901.21.20, 0901.22.20, 0901.90.20)	
26	Tea, whether or not	Department
20	flavoured (green and	Department of Foreign
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	black tea) (HS.	Trade
	0902.10.10, 0902.10.90,	
	0902.20.10, 0902.20.90,	



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	0902.30.10, 0902.30.90,		
	0902.40.10, 0902.40.90)		
27	Pepper, dried, whether		Department
	or not crushed or		of Foreign
	ground		Trade
	(HS. 0901.11.10,		
	0904.11.20, 0904.11.90,		
	0904.12.10, 0904.12.20,		
	0904.12.90)		
28	Maize (corn)		Department
	(HS. 1005.90.90)		of Foreign
			Trade
29	Rice		Department
	(HS. 1006.10.00,		of Foreign
	1006.20.10, 1006.20.90,		Trade
	1006.30.15, 1006.30.19,		
	1006.30.20, 1006.30.30,		
	1006.30.90, 1006.40.00)		
30	Soya beans		Department
	(HS. 1201.00.10,		of Foreign
	1201.00.90)		Trade
31	Copra		Department
	(HS. 1203.00.00)		of Foreign
			Trade
32	Onion seeds		Department
	(HS. 1209.91.00)		of Foreign
			Trade
33	Soya-bean oil and its		Department
	fractions, whether or		of Foreign
	not refined, but not		Trade
	chemically modified		
	(HS. 1507.10.00,		
	1507.90.10, 1507.90.20,		
	1507.90.90)		
34	Palm oil and its		Department
	fractions, whether or		of Foreign
	not refined, but not		Trade
	chemically modified/		
	Palm kernel or babassu		
	oil and fractions thereof		
	(HS. 1511.10.00,		
	1511.90.10, 1511.90.90,		
	1513.21.00, 1513.29.11,		
	1513.29.19, 1513.29.21,		
	1010.29.19, 1010.29.21,		



	1513.29.29, 1513.29.91,			
	1513.29.99)			
35	Coconut oil and its			Department
	fraction, whether or			of Foreign
	not refined, but not			Trade
	chemically modified			induc
	(HS. 1513.11.00,			
	1513.19.10, 1513.19.20,			
	1513.19.90)			
36	Cane or beet sugar and			Ministry of
50	chemically pure			Industry
	sucrose, in solid form			maasery
	(HS. 1701.11.10,			
	1701.12.00, 1701.91.00,			
	1701.99.11, 1701.99.19,			
	1701.99.90)			
37	Instant coffee and other			Department
57	extract, essences and			of Foreign
	concentrated, of coffee			Trade
	and preparations with a			Haue
	basis of these extracts,			
	essences or			
	concentrated or with a			
	basis of coffee			
	(HS. 2101.11.10,			
	2101.11.90, 2101.12.00)			
38	Soya bean cake			Department
50	(HS. 2301.00.00)			of Foreign
	(113. 2301.00.00)			Trade
39	Tobacco			Ministry of
39	TODACCO			Finance
40	Raw silk (HS. 50.02)			Department
	Silk Yarn (HS. 50.02)			of Foreign
	511 1011 (115: 50:04)			Trade
41	- Gasoline (HS. 2710.11)	- Notification of the	-To sustain economic	Department
	- Kerosene (HS.	Ministry of Commerce on	stability and security	of Energy
	2710.19.16)	the regulations and	- to monitor domestic	Business,
	- Reformat (HS.	conditions of the	consumption	Ministry of
	2707.50.00)	importation of fuel, dated		Energy
	- Propane (HS.	22 June B.E. 2552		LICIBY
	2711.12.00)			
	- Butane (HS.			
	2711.13.00)			
	- Propylene, Butylene,			
	- i i opyiene, butyiene,			



	Butadiene (HS. 2711.14.90) - Liquefied Petroleum Gas (HS. 2711.19.00) - High Speed Diesel Oil (HS. 2710.19.71) - Ethanol (HS. 2207.20.11/2207.20.19) - Bio diesel (HS. 3824.90.90)			
42	Rough diamond (HS. 7102.10, 7102.21, 7102.31)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the export and import of Rough diamonds, dated 16 May B.E. 2546	To comply with the UN resolution	Department of Foreign Trade
43	Log, wood and wooden product	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 92), dated 30 November B.E. 2535	To prevent the illegal logging and preserve natural resources	Department of Foreign Trade
44	Yellow fin tuna and its product	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the importation of goods (No. 103), dated 29 October B.E. 2537	To protect dolphins by ocean vessels when harvesting tuna with purse seine nets	Department of Fisheries
45	Ceramic ware and Enamel ware (food container)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on importing Ceramic ware and Enamel ware as prohibited goods or goods which are required for Health Certification, dated 8 August B.E. 2551	To protect human health	Department of Foreign Trade
46	Caffeine and its salts (HS. 2939.30, 3003.40)	- Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the export and import of Caffeine and its salts, dated 8 November B.E. 2545	To protect human health and narcotic drug control	Food and Drug Administrati on or Department of Industrial Work
47	Potassium Permanganate (HS. 2841.61)	 Notification of the Ministry of Commerce on the export and import of 	To protect human health and narcotic drug control	Department of Foreign Trade



Potassium Permanganate,	
dated 28 August B.E. 2545	

Miscellaneous Restrictions Rules

1. Cosmetics products:

Example like skin care lotion/soap, shampoo, conditional etc. are considered as cosmetics even for small quantity.

Product	Clearance	Required docs	Max pcs	Handling fee	Clearance time
	type		per hawb	per hawb	
Cosmetics	Formal	1. Import permit from FDA	5	THB600	1-3days after all correct
	entry	2. CNEE origin ID or passport			paperwork provided
		3. Customs paperless registration fo	rm		

2. Food & health supplement:

Not allowed for B2C personal consumption (even for small amount)

3. Auto Parts:

Product	Туре	Required Permits from TISI	Remarks
Engine	Complete set	Y	
	Spare part (new)	Ν	
	Used engine	Y	
Tire		N	1 importer can import only 10pcs/year
Mirror	1-2pcs	Ν	
	more than 2pcs	Υ	
Airbag		Υ	

4. CITES: (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)

CITES is an international agreement between governments. Its aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival. It was signed in Washington on 3 March 1973 and entered into force on 1 July 1975. There are now more than 170 Contracting States.

The Swiss Government is the depository of the Convention. The Secretariat is located in Geneva, Switzerland. The Convention is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In order to apply this Convention, Thailand, as a member country, has to adopt national legislation which lays down penalties for offences. The legislation determines the powers of the various government services responsible for applying the Convention; in particular, it lays down the powers of Customs.



CITES works by subjecting international trade in specimens of selected species to certain controls. All imports, exports, re-exports and introduction from the sea of species covered by the Convention has to be authorized through a licensing system.

The species covered by CITES are listed in three Appendices, according to the degree of protection they need as shown in the table below:

Appendix	Classification	Permit Requirements
Appendix I	Species are threatened with	CITES Export Permit from
	extinction.	country of export AND a CITES
		Import Permit from Thailand.
Appendix II	Species not considered	CITES Export Permit OR a CITES
	threatened with extinction but	Re-Export Certificate from
	may become so if their trade is	country of export/re-export.
	not regulated.	
Appendix III	Species not considered	CITES Export Permit OR a CITES
	threatened with extinction, but	Certificate of Origin.
	are under special management	
	in certain countries.	

5. IPR Infringing Goods:

Thai customs comply with the TRIPS Agreement (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) which is the agreement signed on 15Apr1994 in WTO (World Trade Organization). Thai Customs is therefore required to implement the TRIPS Agreement in full, as far as Customs is concerned.

To protect a right holder from the importation/exportation of counterfeit trademark, or pirated copyright goods, the right holder, or in some cases an authorized person, must submit a written request for the suspension of release by Thai Customs.

That means if the trade brings those IPR or counterfeit goods, the goods may be seized by Thailand customs, and the damages and expenses or penalties that may occur to importers, exporters.

Prohibited & Restricted Reference link

- 1. <u>http://en.customs.go.th/list_strc_simple.php?ini_content=prohibited_restricted_items&lang=en&to</u> <u>p_menu=menu_homepage&left_menu=menu_prohibited_restricted_items</u>
- 2. <u>http://www.dft.go.th/en-us/Information-Service/Measures-Related-to-Imports-and-Exports</u>