

Notification of the National Communicable Disease Committee

concerning the criteria for the establishment of

a communicable disease control operation unit

B.E. 2559 (2016)

Whereas it is expedient to prescribe the criteria for the establishment of a communicable disease control operation unit to conduct surveillance, disease investigation, prevention and control of dangerous communicable diseases or epidemics;

By virtue of Section 36 paragraph one of the Communicable Disease Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), the National Communicable Disease Committee issues the following criteria for the establishment of a communicable disease control operation unit as follows:

Clause 1. This Notification shall be called “Notification of the National Communicable Disease Committee concerning the criteria for the establishment of a communicable disease control operation unit B.E. 2559 (2016)”.

Clause 2. This Notification shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Clause 3. In this Notification:

“Official” means an official who performs duties in a communicable disease control operation unit, including the person assisting the official.

“Medical and public health official” means a person who graduated in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Pharmacy, Nursing, Public Health, Medical Technology, Epidemiology, Microbiology, Toxicology, or other related fields.

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“Private sector” means Private sector, civil society sector, non-profit organization, foundation, association, or other related organizations.

Clause 4. The person who will be appointed as an officer in a communicable disease control operation unit will have to undergo a training program in Epidemiology or surveillance, prevention, or control of communicable diseases as prescribed by the Department of Disease Control or certified by the Department of Disease Control.

Clause 5. The Provincial Public Health Physician or the Director of Health Department, Bangkok Metropolitan, is responsible for establishing a list of medical and public health officials, communicable disease control officers, or officials of private agencies who are qualified to be appointed as members of communicable disease control operation unit in each *Amphoe* or district, to propose to the Provincial Communicable Disease Committee or the Bangkok Communicable Disease Committee for approval, and propose to the Provincial Governor or the Governor of Bangkok for consideration to establish the communicable disease control operation unit as deemed appropriate.

In the case where the number of officials of the communicable disease control operation unit is less than the number prescribed by law, The Provincial Public Health Physician or the Director of Health Department, Bangkok Metropolitan shall follow the steps and procedures, as set forth in the first paragraph, to replace the vacated position of the communicable disease control operation unit within thirty days from the date of vacancy.

Clause 6. The officials of the communicable disease control operation unit vacates office upon:

(1) death;

(2) resignation;

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(3) being dismissed by the Provincial Governor or the Governor of Bangkok on the grounds of disgraceful behavior, negligence, or dishonesty in the performance of the duty or incapability;

(4) being bankrupt;

(5) being incompetent or quasi-incompetent;

(6) being subject to an imprisonment penalty by a final judgment to imprisonment, except for an offence committed through negligence or a petty offence;

(7) being moved or transferred to another agency not located in the same *Amphoe* or district.

Clause 7. The Chairperson of the National Communicable Disease Committee in this Notification shall take a decision in case a problem occurs in the course of the implementation of this Notification and the order or adjudication of the Chairperson of the National Communicable Disease Committee shall be final.

Announced on this 29th day of April, B.E. 2559 (2016)

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Chairperson of the National Communicable Disease Committee

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