Notification of the National Communicable Diseases Committee concerning the criteria, procedures, and conditions of the appointment, term of office, and vacating from office of the members of a Provincial Communicable Disease Committee and a Bangkok Communicable Disease Committee B.E. 2559 (2016)

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By virtue of Section 21 and Section 27 of the Communicable Disease Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the National Communicable Disease Committee issues the criteria, procedures, and conditions of the appointment, term of office, and vacating from office of the members of a Provincial Communicable Disease Committee referred to in section 20 (3), (4) and (5), the members of a Provincial Communicable Disease Committee referred to in section 20 paragraph two, and the members of a Bangkok Communicable Disease Committee referred to in section 26 (3), (4) and (5) of the Communicable Disease Act B.E. 2558 as follows:

Clause 1. This Notification shall be called "Notification of the National Communicable Diseases Committee concerning the criteria, procedures, and conditions of the appointment, term of office, and vacating from office of the members of a Provincial Communicable Disease Committee and a Bangkok Communicable Disease Committee 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 The members under section 20 (3), (4) and (5), the members under section 20 paragraph two ,and the members under section 26 (3), (4) and (5) shall be appointed by the Provincial Governor or the Governor of Bangkok as the case may be, taking into consideration the knowledge, expertise or experience in Public Health, Disease Control or other fields related to the surveillance, prevention or control of communicable diseases.

Clause 4. The members under section 20 (3), (4) and (5), and the members under section 20 paragraph two, and the members under section 26 (3), (4) and (5) shall have a tenure of three years. The member who is vacating may be re-appointed but cannot hold a position for more than two consecutive terms.

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Clause 5 The members under section 20 (4) and the members under section 20 paragraph two can hold a position notwithstanding Clause 4, in the following cases:

- (1) For the members under section 20 (4), if any Province does not have more than three Districts or if any Province has a center hospital, or a general hospital or community hospital not more than three hospitals.
- (2) For the members under section 20 paragraph two, if any Province has not more than three government agency hospitals other than government agency hospitals pursuant to section 20 (4) and the directors of hospitals under other government agencies have been appointed as the members of a Provincial Communicable Disease Committee.

Clause 6. In the case where the members under section 20 (4), the members under section 20 paragraph two, and the members under section 26 (4) have changed from his or her agency to another agency. If it is the same category and located in the same province, the members under section 20 (4), the members under section 20 paragraph two, or the members under section 26 (4), as the case may be, shall be in the office for the remaining terms.

Clause 7 In the case where the members under section 20 (3), (4) and (5), the members under section 20 paragraph two, or the members under section 26 (3), (4) and (5) vacates his or her office prior to the expiration of the term, the Provincial Governor or the Governor of Bangkok, as the case may be, shall appoint the member to replace the vacated member within thirty days from the date of vacancy. The replaced member shall be in the office for the remaining term of the member whom he or she replaces, except in the case that the term of the member under section 20 (3), (4) and (5), the term of the member under Section 20 paragraph two, or the term of the member under section 26 (3), (4) and (5) is less than ninety days. The Provincial Governor or the Governor of Bangkok, as the case may be, may not appoint any replaced member, and in this regard, the Committee shall consist of the remaining members.

Clause 8 In addition to the vacancy upon the expiration of the term, the members under section 20 (3), (4) and (5), the members under section 20 paragraph two, or the members under section 26 (3), (4) and (5) shall vacate his or her office upon:

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- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (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;

Clause 9. The Provincial Governor and the Governor of Bangkok, as the case may be, shall appoint the members under section 20 (3), (4) and (5), the members under section 20 paragraph two, or the members under section 26 (3), (4) and (5) within sixty days from the effective date.

Clause 10. The Chairperson of the National Communicable Disease Committee shall be in charge of this notification. In the case where there is a problem with the implementation of this Notification, the Chairperson of the National Communicable Disease Committee shall take a decision. And the order or the decision of the Chairperson of the National Communicable Disease Committee is final.

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

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The Chairperson of the National Communicable Disease Committee

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