PROTECTION OF THE OPERATION OF THE ASEAN PLUS THREE EMERGENCY RICE RESERVE SECRETARIAT ACT B.E. 2559 (2016)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX. Given on the $3^{\rm rd}$ Day of August B.E. 2559 (2016); Being the $71^{\rm st}$ year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to have a law on the protection of the operation of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Secretariat;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the National Legislative Assembly, as follows.

Section 1. This Act is called the "Protection of the Operation of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Secretariat Act, B.E. 2559 (2016)".

Section 2. This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.¹

Section 3. In this Act.

"Agreement" means the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement signed by the Thai Government on the 7^{th} day of October B.E. 2554 (2011) at Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia;

"Secretariat" means the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Secretariat established by the Agreement.

Remark: This translation, submitted by the Office of Agricultural Economics and reviewed by the Office of the Council of State, is provided for information purposes only. Whilst the Office of the Council of State has made efforts to ensure the accuracy and correctness of the translation, the original Thai text as formally adopted and published shall in all events remain the sole authoritative text having the force of law.

¹ Published in the Government Gazette, Vol. 133, Part 67 a, Page 42, dated 5th August B.E. 2559

Section 4. In the interests of protecting the operation of the Secretariat in Thailand to ensure the achievement of its purposes, the Secretariat shall be a juristic person and shall have a domicile in Thailand.

Section 5. The Secretariat shall be exempt from the following:

- (1) corporate income tax on the income derived from operations to attain the purposes of the Secretariat under the Agreement, as provided by the Revenue Code;
- (2) duty under the law on customs tariff on rice imported for the benefit of operations under the Agreement

Section 6. The general manager and the deputy general manager of the Secretariat shall be exempt from the following:

- (1) personal income tax, only with respect to incomes received from the Secretariat, as provided by the Revenue Code;
- (2) duty under the law on customs tariff on the import of personal belongings and household effects within three months as from the first assumption of position in the Secretariat.

The provision under paragraph one shall not apply to a person having Thai nationality.

Section 7. The general manager, deputy general manager, experts and other officers who do not have Thai nationality and who perform work for the Secretariat, shall receive facilitation in the compliance with the law on immigration and the law on registration of aliens.

Section 8. The Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

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