Guideline for Requesting Business Operations Certificate

According to Section 10 of Foreign Business Acts B.E.2542

Under Thai – Australia Free Trade Agreement

General Criteria for Requesting the Certificate according to Section 10

1. Evidence or Documents for Requesting the Certificate

- (1) Form to request the certificate Tor.6
- (2) Explanations of type of business
- (3) Evidence of juristic person registered in Thailand demonstrating names, capital, objective, location, name and nationality of directors and authorized directors
- (4) Letter to inform the proportion of shareholding between Thai people and foreigner, number of shares, type of shares that people with Australian nationality hold.
- (5) In case that the shareholders or major partners of persons who request for certificate are juristic person, shall submit the evidence or documents for proof of juristic persons demonstrating name, capital, objective, location, name and nationality of directors and authorized directors, name and nationalities of shareholders or details of partners.
- (6) Nationality certificate of persons who request for certificate in order to ask for the right from the Embassy of the country that is the party.
- (7) Copy of passport or foreigner's ID card
- (8) Map of business locations in Thailand
- (9) Letter of power of attorney in case that other persons perform the duties.
- 2. The issuance of certificate must be within 30 days from the date obtaining the letter from foreigners
- 3. Criteria according to Thai Australia Free Trade Agreement
 - 3.1 Qualifications of Persons who have the Right to Request for Business Operations Certificate

The Persons who have the right to request for Business Operations Certificate under Thai – Australia Free Trade Agreement must have the following qualifications:

- Be the juristic person established according to Thailand's law as registered ordinary partnership or limited partnership or company limited
- (2) The authorized directors must be Thai or Australia people and in case that the juristic person is registered ordinary partnership or limited partnership, the manager or managing partner must be Thai
- (3) The juristic persons' s shareholders must have the following qualifications:
 - All of them must be Australian people or Australian and Thai people
 - The juristic person established according to Australian's law must have more than 50 % of Australian shareholders.

The proportion of shareholding persons who request for certificate must be in compliance with the conditions of type of businesses under Thai – Australian Free Trade Agreement

(4) The persons who request for certificate must have the ratio of debt to equity for no more than 3 : 1

3.2 Business under Thai – Australia Free Trade Agreement

There are 18 businesses under Thai – Australia Free Trade Agreement so when considering types of businesses and the attachments of the Foreign Business Act B.E.2542 and number of shares that Australian people can hold under this agreement, it turns out that there are 12 businesses that must request for certificate and there are 6 businesses that do not have to request for certificate as follows:

(1) Businesses that must request for certificate can be classified into 12 types according to List Two and List Three of this Act:

- (1.1) List Two : Group 3 (4) Mining (land and marine mining)
- (1.2) List Three (10) : Construction (Public Utilities Construction / Transportation Construction that uses special equipment, machinery, technology or expertise)
- (1.3) List Three (17) : Hotel business (Luxurious hotel and resort service)
- (1.4) List Three (19) : Restaurant (Full range of restaurant)
- (1.5) List Three (21) : Other categories of Service Business (1. General Consulting Service for ROH / branch or ROH's subsidiaries 2. Meeting Hall
 3. International Product Exhibition Center 4. Wholesale and Retail service relevant to the sale and installation of the products manufactured by the

Australian juristic person established in Thailand 5. Education / Educational Institutes with science and technology expertise such as life sciences, bio – technology and nano technology 6. Fun Park and zoo service 7. Aquatic animal park service 8. Pier and Anchor service for tourism ships)

(1.1) List Two: Group 3 (4) Mining

No.	Business under Thai - Australia Free Trade Agreement	Condition	Australian people must hold shares of no more than
1	land and marine mining	 Must be approved by Ministry of Industry Must have two – fifth of directors that are Thai people 	60 %

(1.2) List Three (10) : Construction

No.	Business under Thai - Australia Free Trade Agreement		Condition	Australian people must hold shares of no more than
1	Public Utilities Construction /	1.	Must be Public Utilities	100 %
	Transportation Construction that uses		Construction / Transportation	
	special equipment, machinery,		Construction that uses special	
	technology or expertise		equipment, machinery,	
			technology or expertise	
		2.	Have paid – up capital of at	
			least 1,000 million bath	

(1.3) List Three (17) : Hotel business

No.	Business under Thai - Australia Free Trade Agreement		Condition	Australian people must hold shares of no more than
1	Luxurious hotel and resort service	1.	Only for the investment with	60 %
			the paid – up capital of at	
			least 800 Million Bath	
		2.	At least 100 hotel rooms	

(1.4) List Three (19) : Restaurant

No.	Business under Thai - Australia Free Trade Agreement	Condition	Australian people must hold shares of no more than
1	Full range of restaurant	1. Must have the total area of at least 450 square meters	60 %
		 Have paid – up capital of at least 50 million bath 	

(1.5) List Three (21) : Other categories of Service Business

No.	Business under Thai - Australia Free Trade Agreement		Condition	Australian people must hold shares of no more than
1	General Consulting Service for ROH	Мı	ast be service for ROH / branch	100 %
	/ branch or ROH's subsidiaries	or	ROH's subsidiaries	
2	Meeting Hall	1.	Must have the total area of at	60 %
			least 4,000 square meters	
		2.	The area within the biggest	
			meeting hall must be at least	
			3,000 square meters	
3	International Product Exhibition Center	1.	Must have the total area of at	60 %
			least 50 Rais	
		2.	Must have area within the	
			building of at least 25,000	
			square meters	
4	Wholesale and Retail service relevant	1.	Wholesale and Retail with	100 %
	to the sale and installation of the		installation service	
	products manufactured by the	2.	The products is manufactured in	
	Australian juristic person established		Thailand by such juristic person	
	in Thailand		(Sale and installation agent)	

No.	Business under Thai - Australia		Condition	Australian people
	Free Trade Agreement			must hold shares of no more than
5	Education / Educational Institutes	1.	Expertise in science and	60 %
	with science and technology		technology such as life	
	expertise such as life sciences, bio –		sciences, bio-technology and	
	technology and nano technology		nano technology	
		2.	Located outside Bangkok and	
			Metropolitan areas	
		3.	At least 50% of the University	
			council directors are Thai	
6	Fun Park and zoo service	1.	Only for the investment with	60 %
			the paid – up capital of at	
			least 1,000 Million Bath	
		2.	At least 200 Rais of total areas	
7	Aquatic animal park service	1.	Only for the investment with	60 %
			the paid – up capital of at	
			least 200 Million Bath	
		2.	At least 10 Rais of total areas	
8	Pier and Anchor service for tourism ships	Or	ly in the case of having ship	60 %
		lift	ing equipment, pier and	
		ma	intenance service center	

(1.5) List Three (21) : Other categories of Service Business

(2) Businesses that do not need to request for Certificate

Upon considering the number of shares under the agreement, they must be 6 types of businesses and Thai juristic person according to the attachment of the Act as follows:

- 2.1 List Three (14): Retail (Sale of Telecommunication Equipment)
- 2.2 List Three (15): Wholesale (Sale of Telecommunication Equipment)
- 2.3 List Three (21) : Other categories of Service Business (1. Telecommunication Consulting Service 2. Leasing service of Telecommunication Station Equipment
 - 3. Database Access Services 4. Domestic Very Small Aperture Terminal VSAT

(2.1) List Three (14) : Retail

No.	Business under Thai - Australia Free Trade Agreement	Condition	Australian people must hold shares of less than
1	Sale of Telecommunication Equipment	-	50 %

(2.2) List Three (15) : Wholesale

No.	Business under Thai - Australia Free Trade Agreement	Condition	Australian people must hold shares of less than
1	Sale of Telecommunication Equipment	-	50 %

(2.3) List Three (21) : Other categories of Service Business

No.	Business under Thai - Australia Free Trade Agreement	Condition	Australian people must hold shares of less than
1	Telecommunication Consulting Service	-	50 %
2	Leasing service of Telecommunication Station Equipment	-	50 %
3	Database Access Services	Only for the service by using the public telecommunication network under the supervision of the National Telecommunication Commission of Thailand	25 %
4	Domestic Very Small Aperture Terminal VSAT	Only for the service by using the public telecommunication network under the supervision of the National Telecommunication Commission of Thailand and service that performs according to built-transferred-operated identified by National Telecommunication Commission of Thailand	40 %