

## UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION



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### Ministerial Regulations

Setting out the rules, procedures and conditions for inspection, visa exemptions and a change in the type of visa stamp (Version 5). 2016

Pursuant to Section 5, Paragraph 1, of the 1979 Immigration Act, as amended by the National Council for Peace and Order Announcement No. 87/2015 relating to amendments covering the powers and duties of police officers acting in accordance with the law, dated 10 July 2015 and Section 12 (1), Paragraph 2, of the 1979 Immigration Act, the Prime Minister and the Minister of the Interior hereby issue the following announcement.

Article 1. These ministerial regulations shall come into effect 30 days after publication in the Royal Gazette.

Article 2. The following is added to Article 13, Paragraph 3, of the ministerial regulations setting out the rules, procedures and conditions for inspection, visa exemptions and a change in the type of visa stamp of 2002.

"Those who enter the Kingdom temporarily for tourism in accordance with Paragraphs 3 by crossing Immigration check points at land borders are entitled to enter the Kingdom in this way no more than two times per calendar year, except for Malaysian citizens or citizens of other countries, as specified by the minister."

Article 3. In the interim period, numbers of entries into the Kingdom by persons entering temporarily for tourism by crossing Immigration check points at land borders will be considered in accordance with Article 13, Paragraph 3, of the ministerial regulations setting out the rules, procedures and conditions for inspection, visa exemptions and a change in the type of visa stamp of 2002 up until the day before this amended Article 13, Paragraph 3, of the ministerial regulations setting out the rules, procedures and conditions for inspection, visa exemptions and a change in the type of visa stamp of 2016 takes effect.

Signed on 26 May 2016 by:

General Prayut Chan-o-cha  
Prime Minister

General Anupong Paochinda  
Minister of the Interior

Notes: - The reason for this announcement of ministerial regulations is that it has been found that, on examining the time spent in the Kingdom by aliens receiving visa exemptions to enter the Kingdom temporarily for purposes of tourism by crossing Immigration check points at land borders, such aliens have tended to spend more time in the Kingdom than is consistent with the purpose of granting visa exemptions to enter the Kingdom temporarily for the purpose of tourism. Thus, in order to make these land border crossings conform to the stated purpose of tourism, it is necessary to issue these ministerial regulations to limit the number of annual border crossings by individual aliens using visa exemptions for the purpose of tourism.

