



Revenue Department News

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Subject : The Revenue Department supports the prevention of COVID-19 by extending period of VAT exemption on importation of medicines, medical supplies, and medical tools for charitable donations

Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Finance, revealed that “The Cabinet of Thailand approved the principle of an extended period of VAT exemption for the importation of medicines, medical supplies, and medical tools against COVID-19 for charitable donations. The aforesaid items have to be used for medical treatment, medical diagnosis or COVID-19 prevention namely, medicine, medical supplies, and medical tools against COVID-19 donated to government hospitals, public sectors, and organization or public charity from 1st March 2021 to 31st March 2022 the purpose is to support and encourage private sectors in joining the government to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Mr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Director-General of the Revenue Department, revealed that “the Ministry of Finance by the Revenue Department has realized the importance of the resolution of COVID-19 pandemic which is currently the third wave situation. Therefore, to support and encourage private sectors in joining the government to continuingly and efficiently cope with COVID-19 pandemic, the Revenue Department proposed the Cabinet of Thailand to approve the draft of Royal decree issued under the Revenue Code with the exemption of revenue (no. ..) B.E. (The extended period of VAT exemption on importation of medicines, medical supplies, and medical tools for charitable donation). VAT is exempted for imported goods such as medicines, medical supplies, and medical tools which are used for medical treatment, medical diagnosis, or COVID-19 prevention and donated to public hospitals, public sectors or organization or public charity announced by the Minister of Finance. Additionally, Corporate Income Tax and VAT are exempted for companies and juristic partnerships donating with a condition that the cost of goods is not claimed as expenses in the calculation of Corporate Income Tax. Particularly, the donations have to be conducted from 1st March 2021 to 31st March 2022 and subjected to terms and conditions set out by the Director General of the Revenue Department.”

Mr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas, Director-General of the Revenue Department, concluded that “The period of VAT exemption on importation of medicines, medical supplies, and medical tools for charitable donation has been extended from the ending date on 28th February 2021. The Revenue Department believed that this tax measure will support and encourage private sectors in joining the government to cope with COVID-19. As a consequence, the benefits will be contributed to the health of people, economic and social of the nation as a whole.”

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