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OPIUM ACT (No. 7) B.E. 2502
(1959)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ P.R.

Given on the 29th day of June B.E. 2502
Being the 14th year of the Present Reign.

BY ROYAL COMMAND OF HIS MAJESTY KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT
WHEREAS it is deemed proper to amend the law on opium,

HIS MAJESTY THE KING, by and with the advice and consent of the Constituent Assembly in the capacity of Parliament, is graciously pleased to enact an Act as follows:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be called the "Opium Act (No. 7) B.E. 2502".

SECTION 2. This Act shall come into force as of the 1st July B.E. 2502.

SECTION 3. Section 51 of the Opium Act B.E. 2472 amended by Opium Act (No.6) B.E. 2494^{3/} is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 51. Whoever, in violation of this Act,

(1) carries into the Kingdom or exports opium or opium residue;

(2) arranges for the export into the Kingdom or transit through the Kingdom of opium or opium residue, or arranges for the transfer of opium or opium residue in transit to a different vehicle in the Kingdom;

shall be subject to a term of imprisonment of six months to twenty years and a fine equal to twenty times the value of the opium or opium residue but not less than five thousand baht.

For the purpose of computing the fine, the value of opium or opium residue shall be deemed 10 baht per gramme."

SECTION 4. Section 51 bis of the Opium Act B.E. 2472 amended by Opium Act (No.6) B.E. 2494 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 51 bis. Whoever arranges, in whatever way, for another to have or trade in opium or opium residue in violation of this Act shall be subject to a term of imprisonment of six months to twenty years and a fine of five thousand baht to one hundred thousand baht."

SECTION 5. Section 53 of the Opium Act B.E. 2472 amended by Opium Act (No.6) B.E. 2494 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 53. Whoever in violation of this Act

(1) has opium or

(2) buys or sells opium

shall be subject to a term of imprisonment of six months to twenty years and a fine equal to twenty times the value of the opium but not less than five thousand baht.

3/ Note by the Secretariat: E/NL.1956/41.

For the purpose of computing the fine, the value of opium shall be deemed 10 baht per gramme."

SECTION 6. Subject to Section 7, Section 53 bis of the Opium Act B.E. 2472 amended by Opium Act (No.6) B.E. 2494 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 53 bis. Whoever in violation of this Act

- (1) has opium residue or
- (2) imbibes opium or opium residue

shall be subject to a term of imprisonment of six months to ten years and a fine equal to ten times the value of the opium or opium residue but not less than two thousand baht.

For the purpose of computing the fine, the value of opium or opium residue shall be deemed ten baht per gramme."

SECTION 7. Whoever, prior to the date this Act comes into force, takes opium or opium residue from an opium shop or from the place at which a person specially authorized to smoke opium has been licensed to smoke in violation of Section 53 bis of the Opium Act B.E. 2472 amended by Opium Act (No.6) B.E. 2494, shall continue to be subject to the penalties provided in the said Section 53 bis.

SECTION 8. The Minister of Finance shall be in charge and control under this Act.

Countersigned by

Field Marshal S. THANARAT,

President of the Council of Ministers.