

Legal Update

New Goods under the Price Control

The Cabinet approved in principle, on October 18, 2005, to add another 11 items of goods in the list of the controlled goods according to the Act Governing Price of Goods and Service B.E. 2542 (A.D. 1999). Such listed goods are (1) concentrated milk, reverted milk, modified milk, fat and sweet-concentrated cream, (2) liquid launderer, (3) paper for corrugation making, (4) paper for typing and writing, (5) tire for car and motorcycle, (6) dish washing product, (7) lavatory cleaning product, (8) food in completely wrapped container, (9) sanitary napkin, (10) pulp, and (11) chicken and sliced chicken. The new listed goods shall be effective on the date after publication in the Government Gazette. *(Cabinet Synopsis No. 10-1, October 18, 2005)*

Classes of Industrial Standard Mark Reduced

In order to reduce burden of the operator and to make clearer and notice to public against Thai Industrial Standard logos, the Cabinet, on October 11, 2005, therefore approved the draft Ministerial Regulation prescribing Industrial Standard Mark B.E. ... as proposed by the Ministry of Industry and forwarded the draft law for further review by the Council of State. According to the draft of the Ministerial Regulation, the existing 4 classes of industrial standard marks, i.e. general standard mark, safety standard mark, environmental standard mark and electro magnetic conformity standard, shall be reduced to be 2 classes, e.g. general standard mark and compulsory standard mark. *(Cabinet Synopsis No. 10-1, October 11, 2005)*

IPD - EPO Bilateral Coordination on Patent Administration

The project on the cooperation between Thailand Intellectual Property Department (IPD) and European Patent Office (EPO) in respect of the development of administration system for patent protection in Thailand, including patent search administration efficiency, was approved by the Cabinet on September 27, 2005. If the cooperation will be successful, the project may be applied as model for expansion of the cooperation with other ASEAN countries. *(Cabinet Synopsis No. 09-1, September 27, 2005)*

Ex-factory Price Under New Proposed Excise Tax Act

According to the draft Excise Act (No....) B.E. ... so approved by the Cabinet on October 18 2005, the definition of the "Ex-factory Price" shall be expressly specified in order for making clearer in calculation of the excise tax. The amendment to the principle of announcement of goods value is also be made under the draft Act in order to be base in calculation of excise tax for both goods manufactured in and outside Thailand. *(Cabinet Synopsis No. 10-1, October 18, 2005)*

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