

## COVID-19 Status Update for Southeast Asia

### March 18, 2020

The effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic on Southeast Asia are a deep concern shared by all with connections to the region. To encourage clear understanding of the facts on the ground, Tilleke & Gibbins has prepared this high-level snapshot of the legal situation as it currently stands in each of our jurisdictions.

#### Administrative and Judicial Functions

Jurisdiction	Officially confirmed cases	Status of Government Offices	Status of Courts
<b>Cambodia</b>	35	Open; some disruptions as certain offices implement full or partial work from home.	Operating normally.
<b>Indonesia</b>	177 (as of Mar. 17)	Tax offices closed March 16–April 5; other offices implementing work from home, limiting hours, and/or banning face-to-face consultation.	Operating normally; local courts authorized to suspend operations due to COVID-19.
<b>Laos</b>	0	Open (schools closed)	Operating normally.
<b>Myanmar</b>	0	Open	Operating normally.
<b>Thailand</b>	212	Open (temperature check required before entry allowed to some agencies; schools closed)	Open with temperature check before entry
<b>Vietnam</b>	66 (as of Mar. 17)	Open	In operation; not accepting hand-delivered petitions or other documents. Documents sent and received via postal services are acceptable. No court hearings opened and no litigants summoned to court until end of March 2020.

## Travel Restrictions

### Cambodia

The government has imposed the following:

- Ban on incoming foreign nationals traveling from France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Spain, and the USA for 30 days, effective from March 17, 2020 (or from March 18 for Iran only).
- Mandatory 14-day self-quarantine for Cambodian citizens traveling from European countries, Iran, or the USA required.
- Restriction on Cambodian public officials attending meetings in European countries, Iran, or the USA.
- Ban on entry of cruise ships via Kaam Samnor International Border.

### Indonesia

The government has imposed the following:

- Cancellation of all direct flights to and from China.
- Suspensions of all visa-on-arrival allowances for one month starting March 20, 2020.
- Restrictions on incoming travelers who have been in any of the following countries within 14 days of arrival: China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the UK, and Vatican City.

### Laos

Various border checkpoints have been closed. Further recommendations for travelers from certain affected areas have been issued by the National Taskforce Committee for COVID-19 Prevention and Control on March 16. However, prohibitions, restrictions, and mandatory actions are not formally in place.

### Myanmar

An announcement made on March 15, 2020, applies requirements to travelers coming from the following countries:

<b>Korea</b>	Travel Suspension <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any foreigner who has visited within the past 14 days</li></ul> Quarantine <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Myanmar citizens who have visited in the past 14 days</li></ul>
<b>China</b>	Travel Suspension <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any foreigner who has visited within the past 14 days</li></ul> Quarantine <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Myanmar citizens who have visited in the past 14 days</li></ul> Surveillance <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anyone who has visited within the past 14 days</li></ul>
<b>France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Spain</b>	Quarantine <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anyone who has visited within the past 14 days</li></ul>
<b>USA</b>	Surveillance <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anyone who has visited within the past 14 days</li></ul>

## Thailand

Incoming travelers with a temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or higher, and with any symptom associated with COVID-19, will be taken to a hospital approved by the Ministry of Public Health for testing, diagnosis, isolation, and quarantine as necessary.

For all other incoming travelers, the following measures apply:

- Mandatory 14-day self-quarantine for travelers arriving from China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Iran, Italy, and South Korea.
- Mandatory self-monitoring and reporting of symptoms in the Ministry of Public Health system for travelers arriving from Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK, and the USA. In addition, travelers from these countries must notify a disease control officer of their location and itinerary so their movements and contacts can be monitored.
- All of the above incoming travelers must inform a disease control officer immediately upon the onset of any symptom associated with COVID-19.

As for outbound travelers, no blanket restriction has been issued for government employees, but many individual agencies have issued such prohibitions.

## Vietnam

As of March 18, 2020, the following measures are in effect:

- Visas on arrival suspended for all foreign nationals.
- Travelers entering with visa exemption certificates granted to overseas Vietnamese (*Viet Kieu*), their relatives, and some other special cases (such as experts, business managers, and skilled workers) must have a certificate proving they have tested negative for the COVID-19 virus. The certificate must be issued by the relevant authority of the host country and also approved by Vietnam, except for those on official or diplomatic trips.
- All travelers from outside of Vietnam entering with a visa will be subject to health checks and a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

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