

Thai Official Information Act

- was enacted in December 9, 1997.
- had two objectives
 - 1) to provide principles and mechanisms to serve people “right to know”
 - 2) to provide principles and mechanisms to protect personal information within state agencies or state enterprises “Privacy Protection”

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How to disclose the Official Information :

- Publish the Official Information in the Government Gazette [Section 7]
- Make at least the Official Information available in State agencies [Section 9]
- Provide the Official Information to the Individual request [Section 11]
- Historical information [Section 26]

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At least the Official Information will be available in State agencies : Section 9

- 1) a result of consideration or a decision ...
- 2) a policy or an interpretation ...
- 3) a work-plan, project and annual expenditure estimate of the year ...
- 4) a manual or order relating to work procedure of State officials ...

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Official Information in Section 9 :

- 5) the published material... under Section 7
- 6) a concession contract, agreement ...
- 7) a resolution of the Council of Ministers or of such Board, Tribunal, Commission or Committee ...
- 8) such other information as determined by the Broad

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Announcement of the OIC (BOARD) on June 7, 2010.
specifying that information on the environment and health are information that must be available for the people to monitor, as stipulated in Section 9(8) of the Official Information Act B.E. 2540 (1997) :

- EIA reports
- Reports on measures to prevent and solve environmental, health, and social problems ...
- Reports on ...

[16 Topics]

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Annex of Announcement of the OIC (BOARD) on June 7, 2010 :

- 1] 34 Laws concerning the environmental and health
 - Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand
 - Factory Act
 - The Town Planning Act
 - Food Act
 - Medicine Act ...

- 2] 11 International conventions and agreements on environmental and health
 - UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
 - Convention on Biological Diversity ...

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Implementation of the Official Information Act

- complaint cases
 - about 350 cases and more (less than 10)
- appeal cases
 - about 200 cases and more (2-3 cases)

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Problems in Implementation of the OIA

- Awareness of People

 - Neither under the Act nor realize the Right

- Neglect or Ignorance of the Officials

 - Lack of knowledge

 - Negative attitude toward the OIA